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Maurice Bowra's world
by Anthony Powell:
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Russia to relax emigration restrictions in return for US trade deal

The Soviet Union is to permit freedom of emigration in return for American trade concessions, Senator Henry Jackson, the leading Congressional campaigner for an end to Soviet emigration restrictions, announced yesterday.

Senator Jackson wins two-year crusade

Fred Emery, director of the American Immigration Commission, Oct 18 agreement effectively provides for freedom of emigration from the Soviet Union in return for American trade concessions announced in London today by Senator Jackson.

Threat to social contract by power men

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

A serious new threat to the credibility of the social contract emerged yesterday, when union leaders of 106,000 electricity supply workers decided unanimously to seek an urgent review of the industry's wage agreement, five months before it is due to expire.

Under the terms of the TUC's deal with the Government, unions are supposed to observe a 12-month truce between main settlements. Yesterday's decision by four big trade unions appears to flout that provision, but the electricians' leader, Mr Frank Chapple, held out hope that the unions could make an interim settlement without damaging the anti-inflation pact.

The unexpectedly hard-line posture adopted by the power supply unions came after disclosure in *The Times* yesterday of a 10 per cent restructuring settlement for 28,000 skilled power station engineers, which widened the gap between white-collar and manual workers in the industry.

Resentment over this agreement helped to prompt a decision by the unions—the Electrical, Electronics, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, the Transport and General Workers, the General and Municipal Workers and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers—to seek a general review of the current wages deal at talks with the Electricity Council on November 7.

Preliminary notice of this demand was given to the employers yesterday, but no details of the reopening exercise were indicated. I understand that the minimum settlement envisaged by the electricians is consolidation of productivity bonuses into basic rates, which would lead to substantial increases in earnings.

Mr Chapple, general secretary of the EETPU and a member of the TUC general council, said after the talks: "Everyone realizes that we have more than a little political difficulty because of the social contract. But if you read that document properly, and take into account the industry's second-to-none productivity record that has cost 60,000 jobs in the past few years, then the social contract is not a bar to what we have in mind."

Arguments over interpretation of the social contract aside, it is clear that the power supply industry is in for a significant period of difficult negotiation if labour relations in the power stations are to remain peaceful.

Government reshuffle puts power behind devolution policy

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Ministerial changes announced by Mr Wilson yesterday (last page 2) reflect the determination to press ahead quickly with legislation for the devolution of power from Westminster to assemblies in Scotland and Wales, and to strengthen the team of Treasury ministers responsible for the two Finance Bills to be introduced in the next six months.

One surprise, after the open bids given during the election campaign about a possible change, is that Mr Robert Mellish, who has been Labour Chief Whip for six years, was not moved to another job. But with the present delicate balance in the Commons, where every Labour vote will have to be mastered to carry controversial legislation, Mr Wilson has persuaded Mr Mellish to stay where he is, while promising him that when the opportunity comes for a major reshuffle he will be relieved of his arduous



Among those appointed to new government jobs yesterday are (from left): Lord Crowther-Hunt, Mr Robert Sheldon, Mr Edward Short, Mr John Silkin, Mr Harry Fowler, Mr Gerald Fowles, Mr Robert Carr, Mr John Grieve, Mr John Gifford, Mr John Gifford, Mr John Gifford, Mr John Gifford.

Lord Crowther-Hunt, a member of the Kilbrandon commission on the constitution, who was employed in the Cabinet Office as a temporary civil servant to advise the last Labour Government on constitutional development, is brought into the Government as a Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science. He takes over the special responsibilities for higher education, student affairs, teacher training and universities that were shouldered in the last administration by Mr Gerald Fowles. He will also be the Government's chief spokesman on devolution and constitutional reform in the Lords.

director general in charge of highways at the Department of the Environment, has been appointed to the new post of second permanent secretary in the Cabinet Office. He will head a unit responsible for advising the Government on devolution and constitutional matters including the question of a referendum on the EEC. The unit, comprising civil servants, lawyers and academics, will also examine the financing of political parties and the question of providing additional aid from state funds for opposition parties.



Hans Werner Henze (facing camera) at yesterday's rehearsal in London of his "Tristan", commissioned by the London Symphony Orchestra, which will give the first performance tomorrow at the Festival Hall. He is seen with Colin Davis, who will conduct.

Eighth 40p threshold rise due next week

By Peter Jay
Economics Editor

Another 40p a week all round will be paid to about ten million workers covered by threshold pay arrangements as a result of a 1.1 per cent increase in the retail price index for September, published yesterday. The payments will normally be made from next week for weekly paid staff and from next month for monthly paid employees.

The official retail price index has risen 1.48 per cent from 185.4 to 212.9 on a basis of January 1962=100 since October 1973, the base date for threshold arrangements. Thus eight threshold payments, worth £3.20, have been triggered beyond the 6 per cent threshold established under the Phase Three pay and price code.

At least one and possibly two further threshold payments will be triggered, it can safely be assumed, when the October retail price index is published a month from now. That will be the last month to which threshold arrangements made under the Phase Three code will apply.

To reach the ninth trigger the index will have to reach 213.3. To reach the tenth trigger it will have to reach 215.1. These numbers represent increases of 0.19 per cent and 1.03 per cent respectively.

over three months has fallen to about 15 per cent.

It appears that this improvement is due almost entirely to the normal seasonal pattern of certain food prices, which habitually reach a peak about May and a trough about November. The official index for all items except seasonal food is still rising at an annual rate of more than 20 per cent over the past six months, excluding the effects of the July measures.

Some downward trend in inflation is to be expected by now as a result of the fall in some commodity prices since the spring and the generally steadier trend of import prices. The effect of pay on inflation is most disputable.

On one hand pay settlements, expressed in basic rates, do not seem to have exploded yet in quite the way that many people feared they would when statutory control was lifted. On the other hand there has been an abnormally large amount of so-called wage drift whereby actual rates of pay in the pay packet exceed rates formally negotiated.

The main threat to declining inflation over the next six months, breaches of the social contract apart, lies in the pressure being put on employers to restore their profit margins and their financial solvency. The measures now being urged upon the Chancellor for his November 12 Budget by the Confederation of British Industry would add between 1.5 and 2 per cent to the retail price index.

MPs may challenge Mr du Cann

By Our Political Staff

There were strong reports yesterday that Mr Edward du Cann is to be challenged for the chairmanship of the Conservative 1974 Committee. Other reports suggested that rather than challenge Mr du Cann himself, which might be a formidable task, candidates would be fielded against other officers of the committee.

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Moscow takes up Chilean er on prisoners

Two days ago an International Red Cross envoy, Mr Denis Feldmeyer, said by informal sources to have brought a list of 100 left-wing prisoners in Chilean jails for whom the Soviet Union would be prepared to free a similar number of detainees.

Swedish animal lovers in protest at dogs of war

National Red Cross Convention in Geneva on the laws of war. Between 1971 and 1973, scientists drugged 14 beagles into unconsciousness, and then took them out on to a firing range at Tensta, north of Stockholm. There the beagles were shot in the head with high-powered rifles, at a range of between four and 40 feet.

Arab bid for IBM denied

Rumours on Wall Street that an Arab consortium was trying to buy International Business Machines Corporation caused IBM shares to rise \$6.75 to \$186.75 yesterday.

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France, unbeaten this morning, will race in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 13 days ago, will because of a grazed leg because of her condition and found Newmarket and first yesterday but rd Alledone, one of the se stable is was the evening her trainer, cuna, advised her owner, Wildenstein, not to run. Alex France will be Chaudily by the time is run.

Mr Paul Foot fined £250 for contempt of court

Mr Paul Foot, editor of the *Socialist Worker*, was fined £250 yesterday for being in contempt of court. A similar fine was imposed on the paper's publishers, and both defendants were ordered by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Widgery, to pay all the costs of the three-day hearing. The defence estimates that they will total nearly £3,000.

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UN debate on possible expulsion of S Africa opens with charge that Pretoria is violating Charter

From Peter Strafford New York, Oct 18

Debate began in the Security Council today on the question whether South Africa should remain a member of the organization. The opening speaker was Mr Rachid Driss, of Tunisia, who spoke for the African group as a whole, and told the council that South Africa was constantly violating the United Nations Charter, as well as the universal declaration of human rights.

No effort had been made by a minority regime in South Africa, he said, to adapt its policies to the principles of the Charter. The majority of the people of South Africa were subjected to the domination of a white minority, and the United Nations had found these policies to be a grave threat to international peace and security.

Mr Driss was followed by speakers for Somalia and Sierra Leone, and the expectation was that there would be a long list of speakers denouncing South Africa's policies. The debate

was due to be adjourned to night, and to resume next week. The three African members of the Security Council are Mauritania. But representatives of other countries are entitled to speak at council debates, and 13 of them, mainly Africans and Arabs, were admitted to today's meeting.

South Africa, on the other hand, had not so far asked to take part in the African officials had said earlier that they would wait and see how the discussion developed. They had no idea, they said, what the African's intentions were, and were prepared for surprises.

The historic chamber was packed for the meeting. It was the first time that the Security Council had been convened to consider what is expected to develop into a formal proposal for the expulsion of a member state.

South Africa's policies were sharply criticized at a special session of the General Assembly by the end of last month. It was decided that the Security Council should "review the relationship between the United Nations and South Africa in the light of the constant violation by South Africa of the principles of the Charter and the universal declaration of human rights".

On the other hand, it was less clear what specific recommendations would be made. Sixteen African countries appeared to be divided, with only some of them determined to press for expulsion of South Africa, because of the prospect that a resolution of that sort would be vetoed by the United States, Britain or France.

The alternative for the Africans was to leave things rather as they are now, and keep South Africa in a continuing state of uncertainty. This has been effective so far because the Africans have been able to prevent anyone from the South African delegation from speaking, and have in effect suspended them.



Mr Richard Johnson, released by Cuba after four years, being hugged by his mother on arrival in Miami. His freedom was brief. Despite his father's protests, the FBI agent (right) arrested him on a charge of transporting a stolen aircraft abroad.

Law on masters and servants to go

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, Oct 18

South Africa is to repeal the archaic Masters and Servants Act and related measures in what is regarded as the most significant concession to enlightened opinion.

In all, 24 Acts and ordinances are to be repealed, removing from the statute book all penal provisions in labour contracts from labourers will no longer be a criminal charge if they side to leave their jobs.

The move follows representations to the Government from various quarters, including a petition of members of the House of Representatives presented to the Government.

In 1972 there were 22,000 convictions under the Masters and Servants laws which lay down criminal sanctions for cultural, mine and domestic workers accused of breaking

President's candour applauded

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Oct 18

President Ford's historic appearance before a congressional committee to explain his pardon of former President Nixon has gained him a strikingly mixed reception.

His insistence that "there was no deal" appears to be widely believed and his candour is applauded. Television commentators and many editorial writers insist on the theme that, strange though it may seem to many Americans, the man in the White House is such a regular guy that he has to be believed.

The Washington Post, for instance, is among those commending his attempt to clear the air. But while talking the President with the word many others, including some Democrats, confess themselves to be appalled at the judgment he revealed in his explanations.

Mr Rockefeller's plans unaffected by wife's ailment

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Oct 18

Mr Nelson Rockefeller, the President-designate, said today that he did not think his wife's operation on Tuesday would affect his political plans. Speaking to reporters in New York, he said that this was because the type of person she was.

Mrs Rockefeller had her left breast removed yesterday after tests of cancer had been discovered. In a report this morning, the hospital said that her condition was reported as excellent, and that she had had a very comfortable night.

Watergate trial hears tape confirming Mr Nixon lied

From Fred Emery Washington, Oct 18

A previously unpublished White House tape played at the Watergate trial today indicates that former President Nixon had knowledge before the Watergate break-in of his campaign intelligence operation.

The conversation does not suggest he knew that the operation was a cover-up for the actual break-in, but Mr Nixon has hitherto claimed to have discovered the operation only after the break-in. The new tape also illustrates Mr Nixon's lie in maintaining until last August 5 that he learnt of the cover-up details only on March 21, 1973.

On August 5 he published the tape which brought his forced resignation four days later. Where the tape he then published revealed his awareness of the immediate cover-up today's new fragment played to the jury demonstrated his familiarity with the ensuing conspiracy and the "vulnerabilities" of his closest senior advisers, now on trial.

The new tape is one of the 55 the Supreme Court ordered Mr Nixon to turn over to the trial.

Mr Mills apologizes for Washington incident

Little Rock, Arkansas, Oct 18

Congressman Wilbur Mills apologized to his constituents tonight in his first speech since his first formal appearance in the House. He was involved in an incident with a former night-club stripper in Washington on October 7.

Referring to the Little Rock incident, Mr Mills said he had been embarrassed "beyond words" and added: "I apologize to you, to my friends, to my constituents. I have used you. I hope it's nothing to embarrass you. The embarrassment I caused myself and my family."

Turning to his wife, Polly, who was seated beside him looking down but who smiled at him, he said: "There is no feigning between us. After we have been married as long as we have, you get so used to a person that no one else can be between you."

Then he apologized again, although it was not clear whether that apology was directed at his wife or at the audience, the crowd seemed to take as a public gesture towards a woman to whom he has been married many years.

Mr Ford makes his third veto in a week

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Oct 18

In his third veto this week President Ford has rejected as "unconstitutional" a Bill to broaden the Freedom of Information Act.

The new Bill would have given judges the power to review secret government documents. As present citizens can petition courts for the release of government information, Mr Ford's veto may be overridden when Congress resumes sitting.

Russia joins Egypt in Palestine support

From Paul Martin Beirut, Oct 18

The Soviet Union and Egypt have joined hands in full support of the Palestine Liberation Organization, giving it the second big diplomatic victory in a week. The joint declaration of support was issued after reconciliation talks in Moscow between Mr Ismail Fahmy, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, and Soviet leaders. It further strengthens the PLO's hand as the Arabs prepare to draft a common strategy on Middle East peace efforts.

Although both Egypt and, to a lesser extent, the Soviet Union, have frequently championed the Palestinian cause their latest stand establishes a clearly defined policy.

Earlier the PLO had scored a political victory when the United Nations General Assembly invited it to take part in the forthcoming debate on Palestine.

The joint Soviet-Egyptian declaration says: "The two sides have agreed that any overall final settlement at Geneva to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be reached without supporting the legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people, particularly its right to establish its national entity."

"Within this context, the two sides see that representatives of the PLO should participate on an independent and equal footing with all other participants at the Geneva Middle East peace conference which the two sides are trying to get resumed as soon as possible."

It welcomed the United Nations decision on the PLO as "international recognition of the utmost importance".

Edmund Stevens writes from Moscow: Mr Fahmy's four-day visit to Moscow is seen as marking an upswing in the re-awakening of Soviet-Egyptian relations.

Apparently when Mr Fahmy briefed the Soviet leaders on the recent talks of Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, with President Sadat in Cairo, he was told that Dr Kissinger's mediation did not have Soviet support, without which he could accomplish nothing.

The Soviet position was that the next stage towards a Middle East peace settlement should be a reconvening of the Geneva conference at the Arab League, which is to be held in Morocco today to prepare an Arab summit conference.

Kabat, Oct 18.—Mr Mahmoud Riad, secretary-general of the Arab League, arrives in Morocco today to prepare an Arab summit conference.

The summit, opening on October 25 and preceded by a foreign ministers' meeting starting next Tuesday, will be the third in Morocco, whose government will be seeking strong Arab backing for its claim to the Spanish Sahara.

But Mr Yasir Arafat, President of the PLO who met King Hassan this week, said the Palestine question would be the "fundamental issue".—Reuter.

Moscow court fines Soviet Jew £65

Moscow, Oct 18.—Mr Viktor Polsky, a Jewish activist, was found guilty of dangerous driving by a Moscow court tonight and fined 100 roubles (£65).

The Soviet authorities today again allowed Western reporters and two American lawyers to attend the trial.

As the trial, which dissident Jewish spokesmen in Moscow and Jewish organizations in the West have asserted is politically motivated, entered its second day, Mr Polsky, a physicist, rejected the accusations against him. A would-be emigrant to Israel, who has been refused permission to leave for security reasons, he is alleged by the prosecution to have caused serious injuries through negligence to a 19-year-old girl student.

However, the most unusual feature so far of the affair has been the relaxation by the

Chile generals quit

Santiago, Oct 18.—The Chilean Government announced today that seven generals have retired from the Army. President Pinochet called the resignations routine.

New Canadian envoy

Ottawa, Oct 18.—Mr Paul Martin, aged 71, former External Affairs Minister, was named today as the new Canadian High Commissioner in London.

Miners on strike

Salisbury, Oct 18.—Wanble colliery was idle today as five thousand black workers went on strike over pay demands.

Time limit for arms

Lorenço Marques, Oct 18.—The transitional government has ordered civilians to surrender all arms within 30 days.

Communists to meet

Warsaw, Oct 18.—A European conference of communist parties will be held in East Germany next year.

Papadopoulos plea for civil liberties

From Our Correspondent Athens, Oct 18

Mr George Papadopoulos, the ousted President who suspended constitutional guarantees of civil liberties immediately after his 1967 coup, has invoked the constitution and the law in an appeal to the judiciary against his "arbitrary detention" at a seaside villa near Athens.

Mr Constantine Fafoutis, the Athens chief prosecutor, today ordered a preliminary investigation into the complaint filed by Mr Papadopoulos through a lawyer last Friday.

Mr Papadopoulos alleged in the complaint that he, his wife, and his three-year-old grandchild had been kept in the villa as Lagonissi since September 25 by guards; had been refused the right to receive visits from relatives, friends and lawyers, and had been cut off from normal means of communications.

The average Athenian seemed to view the complaint with a dash of black humour. "Papadopoulos is invoking the law, what next?" was one reaction.

"Who would have thought that Papadopoulos would have been so quick to learn the ins-and-outs of a democracy?" a startled cab driver said.

Mr Papadopoulos pointed out that the present Greek Government had pledged itself to uphold and respect the constitution. He asked that penal action should be taken against the commander of his guards at Lagonissi and all other persons involved in the curtailment of his liberties.—AP.

British banker found guilty in Rhodesia secrets case

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Oct 18

Mr Kenneth McIntosh, the Scottish-born former Rhodesian banker, was found guilty in the Salisbury High Court today of breaking the Official Secrets Act. He was also found guilty of 113 counts under the Exchange Control Act and regulations involving £10,000 and 174,378 Swiss francs.

Mr Justice Beck, the trial judge, will pass sentence on October 22.

Mr McIntosh is already serving a five-year jail sentence for evidence throughout his trial was given in camera. Offences under the Official Secrets Act carry a maximum penalty of 25 years in jail. Offences under the Exchange Control Act carry a fine of up to £75,000.

Mr McIntosh broke the Official Secrets Act when he arranged the publication in the London Sunday Times of an article on Rhodesia's sanctions-breaking operations last April.

Woman presides at Unesco

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 18

Déttente between the great powers opens a vast area of cooperation in education, science and culture, M René Mabeo, the outgoing Director-General of Unesco, said today in the policy debate of the eighteenth session of the organization's General Conference.

Dr Magda Joboru, professor of comparative education at the University of Budapest, was today elected president of the eighteenth session of the conference. She is the first woman to preside over the organization since Ellen Wilkinson in 1945, who was then Minister of Education.

Mr Ford's visit may give clue

From Our Own Correspondent Tokyo, Oct 18

Mr Paul Hartling, the Danish Minister, arrived in Tokyo tonight for a week-long visit to China. His official host is Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the deputy Prime Minister. Mr Hsiao-Ping is understood to be still conceding, but it is likely that he will meet Mr Hartling later.

Mr Hsiao-Ping's interest is centred on a question whether Chairman Mao's visit will also receive Mr Hartling, as would be normal in the case of a head of government. Such a meeting would provide the first evidence of the recent British press reports that he had a stroke during their talks with Mr Hartling. The Chinese leaders are expected to emphasize the importance of maintaining a strong NATO and improving the position of the European Community.

S Korean protest at Ford visit

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Oct 18

A South Korean resistance organization, led by democrats and liberals, has warned President Ford that he will strengthen the hand of President Park's main political rival, who is generally pro-American. Mr Kim was kidnapped from Japan last year and has been charged with political offences in Seoul.

The statement said that anti-communist Koreans might lose their faith in Washington's brand of democracy if Ford visited Seoul and endorsed a regime "no different" from that of the North.

In the past years the South Koreans generally identified themselves with their leaders and the quest for security in the relationship with the United States. There was great popular and intellectual respect for the United States as an ally.

Two years of struggle have shown a whole generation that the United States is more important to them than any other government in South Korea.

The statement concluded: "The visit is a betrayal of the democratic opposition in Korea. Park is not the duly elected head of state ruling with the consent of the people. He used martial law to make himself President, and a ruler by terror."

"How can the United States Congress believe Mr Ford's promise not to use Watergate tactics when he goes to Seoul and proclaims his confidence and friendship for a dictator who controls his people by just those methods and worse."

Exchange of prisoners in Cyprus starts again

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Oct 18

The exchange of Greek and Turkish Cypriot prisoners of war and civilian detainees was resumed today in Nicosia after a three-week free-truce.

There were wildly emotional scenes as thousands of Greek Cypriots gathered at the reception centre to greet the 179 Greeks released today. More than 1,000 Greeks are still in captivity in camps on the Turkish mainland.

The 297 Turkish Cypriots released all came from Limassol. They chose to be released in the Turkish sector of Nicosia, leaving their families in Limassol, apparently because of the Turkish also eventually to exchange populations on the island.

Each prisoner was given a free choice under the exchange agreement to decide where he wanted to be freed.

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The Bowra World and Bowra Lore

by Anthony Powell

During my first year at Oxford (I went up in October, 1923) I often heard the name of Maurice Bowra spoken but without gaining much idea of what this rather famous young man was like, nor why he was famous. We did not meet, I think, until my third term, the summer, when one afternoon...



of himself in contrast with his other—if you like, "poetic"—side, and one he would perhaps have preferred more evenly balanced. The impact on myself, as an undergraduate, of Bowra's personality and wit is not easy to define, so various were its workings. If the repeated minor shocks from this volcano took many forms, their earliest, most essential, was a sense of release. Here was a man—someone by his very calling, anyway to some extent, suspect as representative (in those days) of authority and discipline, an official promoter of didacticism—who, so far from directly or indirectly attempting to expound tedious moral values of an old-fashioned kind, openly praised the worship of Pleasure. Of course, those of us who had got as far as the Nineties at school—that is to say anybody, one felt who had any claim to consideration—were already familiar with "older people" who recommended a romantic Widsian paganism, but Bowra went further, much further, than that. He was also totally free from any of those mussy (though at Oxford by no means defunct) Nineties aestheticism. Everything about him was up-to-date. The innovation was not only to proclaim the paramount claims of eating, drinking and sex (if necessary, auto-erotic), but accepting as absolutely natural, open snobishness, success worship, personal vendettas, unprovoked malice, disloyalty to friends, reading other people's letters (if not lying about, to be sought in unacknowledged "deceivers"—the whole bag of tricks of what most people think and feel and often act on, yet are themselves ashamed of admitting they do and feel and think. In connexion with personal bates—Bowra made no bones about these—was his suggestion of the Bête Noir Club. Subscribing members of the club were each allowed one name to put on its list, to be circulated to all members, who, irrespective of whether or not they personally had anything against the individual concerned, would secretly persecute him on every possible occasion. Not only was the Bowra gospel sustained with excellent jokes, it was seasoned with a sound common-sense and down-to-earthness, distinguishing it not only from pretentious high-thinking, but also from brutal pursuit of self-interest divorced from good manners. "You don't get the best value out of your selfishness, if you're selfish all the time." Perhaps some analogy might be drawn between first coming into contact with Bowra, and an initiatory dip into the works of Nietzsche, although, so far as I know, Nietzsche's altar was not one where Bowra burned much, if any, incense. No modern philosopher, hur the Ancient Greeks, supplied all he loved and stood for. That, at least, was the impression he chose to give. The Bowra delivery, loud, stylized, ironic, usually followed by those deep abrupt bursts of laughter, was superlatively effective in attack. I have heard it suggested that another alumnus of Bowra's school (Cheltenham), one a few years older than himself, was reputed to possess a somewhat similar detonative form of speech—thereby suggesting a common Cheltenhamian source, probably a master there—but details were available, and this rumour has never, so far as I know, been authenticated. It is rather the sort of thing people invent. Even if a foundation had already been laid, Bowra himself had undoubtedly perfected the mechanism formidable, succinct, ear-splitting, in a manner that could only be regarded as his own. Its echoes are still to be heard to this day in the tones of disciples, who, in an unflinching state, came heavily under Bowra influence. One felt immediately on meeting him for the first time that Bowra was a man quite different from any met before. This was certainly true of myself, also, I think, of most other undergraduates, whether they liked him or not. Some very definite did not. He was prepared—for an acutely sensitive man, as he himself always proclaimed, far too prepared—to make enemies. To any questions about drawbacks in his own nature from which he had suffered, he had an invariable reply. "A skin too few. Yet one continues to go out of one's way to court people's hatred." I am, of course, speaking of the young Bowra. As in the Bearbohm series of old and Young Selves, there was this taste for austere interior decoration, a characteristic worth mention as reflecting Bowra's energetic, practical nature, concerned with action, rather than amelioration of his own surroundings; an aspect

some special sort) found in the most-rack. A short time later Lady Ottoline arrived. She looked round the table. Something was wrong. She rang the bell. "Where is my toast?" Lady Ottoline's very individual manner of speaking, a kind of cooling nasal hiss—often imitated, but never in the least successfully—was at its most threatening. The parlour-maid, herself well known as a formidable character, fixed her eyes on Bowra. "The toast was there, when he came down, m'lady..." Bowra, Yorke and I were on our way to luncheon at Garsington once, when I remember Bowra remarked that he had bed his hair cut—"makes one more presentable." The word "presentable", not particularly notable in that context, was very important epithet in the Bowra system of social terminology; a system which had to be picked up and adhered to by the neophyte. That was not all difficult on account of its convenient brevity, and the manner in which it had been designed to cover most human types at Oxford, and elsewhere. Indeed, its total adoption was hard to resist, and one of the forms of power that Bowra exercised over his disciples. "Presentable" was not merely an important label, but sine qua non for acceptance into the Bowra scheme of things. There were certainly Bowra acquaintances, kept in the background, who never quite succeeded in qualifying, yet (Bowra being kindhearted as well as ruthless) were still allowed some access. The limbo they occupied did not go so far as the very damaging absolute antithesis "unpresentable". Those who had "unpresentable" pinned on them were remorselessly barred. "Able" (or "able, I'm afraid") probably did not signify personal approval, but Bowra's keeping relatively quiet commendation. "Upright" also not lightly accorded, might be held in its way equally complimentary (if you cared about old-fashioned honourable dealings), but was likely to carry overtones of shade satirical, and no guarantee of friendliness. "Nice stupid man", hardly flattering to the object of its designation, was at the same time well disposed, and accorded relatively sparingly. "Shit of hell", a status in the severest degree derogatory, in practice inclined to imply, as well as hearty dislike, an element of uneasy suspicion, sometimes amounting to acknowledged fear. Bowra made great play with these categories, which were an established part of his verbal barrage. There were other important phrases, such as "make bad blood", "refer to earlier" and "cause pain". "Bad blood" might be used in two rather different senses. Bowra would say: "I made splendid bad blood between so-and-so and so-and-so over such-and-such a matter", laughing a lot at the thought of what he had brought about; he would also, as has been said, speak gloomily of "bad blood" made in relation to himself. This latter might be deliberate vilification, or an accidental remark later conceived as having snide bearing on himself. "Cause pain" was likely to refer not to specific attacks of his own or other people, but the success or good luck of individuals which brought pangs of envy or jealousy on bearing the news. "Cause pain" may have had its origin in the words of R. L. Stevenson's The Wrong Box who used to say: "Anything to cause a little pain." These Bowra approaches to life, jocular yet practical, provoking both laughter and trepidation, are hard to preserve on paper. That is true in his case, and all other-wit. Bowra's could be of the carefully perfected order (none the worse for that), set-pieces produced with a flourish on social occasions, many examples of which remain on record. Good talks are apt to be remembered for these comparatively elaborate notes. Excellent as those could be in their own field, Bowra's throwaway allusions and comebacks often surpassed them, thereby marking him out (which cannot be said of all good talkers) as a wit who neither required previous preparation for what he said, nor saved up all the good stuff for smart company. The ephemeral nature of such good remarks prevent them from passing into history, since they ornamented conversations too trivial to remember or reconstruct; for example, someone (perhaps myself) commented on a story just told: "On earth the broke wind..."; to which Bowra without pause added: "... in the heaven, a perfect sound". The Bowra world was one where there must be no uncertainty. A clear cut decision had to be made about every thing and everybody—good, bad—desirable, undesirable—

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Andover, even for a short time. I did not give much thought to what might be expected of me at the reception end—which was, I suppose, to make myself reasonably agreeable for a few days, then return home without overstaying my welcome. I remained in Oxford for two or three days, then came back to Andover, but, entirely owing to my own fault, the visit was not a success. This was due to a lack of discernment that goes with immaturity. There was also little to do in Oxford out of term. Bowra himself naturally occupied with his own academic activities during most of the year, and I was scarcely less tired of pacing the High than sick at the Andover Hotel.

war, Bowra lunched with my wife and myself at the Randolph. All went well, even if things were not quite on the footing like they once had been. Professor Lindemann had just been raised to the peerage as Lord Cherwell.

In 1960, my wife and I went on one of these Hellenic cruises, which included plying in at Sardinia, Sicily, Malta, North Africa, as well as Greece. When, with the rest of the party, we met at London Airport, there was a second when one wondered how things were going to go so far as the Bowra relationship was concerned. The plane flew to Milan, then there was a longish bus journey to Genoa, and Bowra and I sat next to each other on the bus. We talked a lot. Old comrades were re-established. The detente was complete.

We took him to dine with some neighbours. There was certainly plenty to drink, but that did not altogether explain what followed after dinner. Bowra insisted—be really did insist—on the whole party spending the rest of the evening singing. There's a long, long trail of singing and Pack up your troubles in the old kitbag. Perhaps by then he did not often find himself in company where such behaviour was even conceivable. I suppose it is just possible that an evening might have ended in the same way in the days when I had first known him, but I never remember anything of the sort and, in any case, it would then have been somewhat different.

One evening, dining together with Bowra in his room, I spoke of how little I liked being at Oxford, and how I longed to get it over and go home. The lack of finesse in doing such sentiments in the particular circumstances was, of course, also rather inexcusable. The idea that Bowra himself was a young man with a freer still ahead of him, and that which he no doubt suffered still all sorts of uncertainties, even horrors, never crossed my mind. He seemed a well-settled person for whom a point of view, that made a gaffe even worse. My own remarks were unusual for an undergraduate of that generation, most of whom regarded their first Oxford days as the happiest days of their lives, etc. One learns in due course (without always achieving the aim in practice) that, often than not, it is better to keep deeply felt thoughts about oneself, any case a little good sense and a little good manners, even if they might have warned me that confession of just that sort is not one to make to a glibly older friend, who, even if, was becoming one of the brighter fixed stars of Oxford firmament. Bowra replied that he was glad to be a part in inducing such do speaking, but I make no attempt to put that forward in a short, it took some 35 years for our relations to cover from that evening in return. I was not put in any way, but the constant close on 300 passengers of whom more than half might come from the United States. Bowra would from time to time lecture, and in general propagate, sometimes in an indirect manner, the archaeological sites to be visited. His lectures at Oxford were not, anyway in the eyes of his colleagues, regarded as his forte, but the ones he gave on these cruises were another matter. No one who heard him in the museum at Olympia (Cleisthenes and Lapithae) could be anything but really stimulated, so might be supposed that someone, by this time famous as a scholar and personality, might have become a trifle approachable by the run-of-the-mill tourist. Nothing could have been further from that, nor from his former pupils' assessment of Bowra removed from the academic setting; at least this was a very different kind of academic setting. Bowra was just as likely to be seen at a table of delighted grey-haired

matrons from West Kensington or the Middle West, as exchanging cracks with Mortimer Wheeler (or what might snobbishly be regarded as a tourist elite) over a raki at the bar.

At Malta, Bowra asked us (with our 14-year-old younger son) to dine with him at a restaurant he knew of on the island. This restaurant was situated on the higher levels of Valetta. We reached it on the way out by taxi. Bowra explaining that we could more easily return by public lift, which, operating at regular intervals, grounded his passengers only a short way from the harbour, and our ship.

Two additional cruise incidents should go on record. My wife had just been dancing The Blue Danube waltz with Bowra. This was the sole dance son) to dine with him at a restaurant he knew of on the island. This restaurant was situated on the higher levels of Valetta. We reached it on the way out by taxi. Bowra explaining that we could more easily return by public lift, which, operating at regular intervals, grounded his passengers only a short way from the harbour, and our ship.

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approach system protects, tactically at least, the declarer against bad suit breaks; in case he has taken the wrong openings it becomes of amount importance for the declarer to be able to parry himself into a sound or any other convincing convention. A key of suit by the opener for a forcing response can create a slam contract which a loophole for the defender to piece because there is sufficient hiding space to try every contingency. In both the next deals there is an unbreakable slam in the forcing response was needed to confirm Clubs as trump suit (and to the

second example the responder gave his partner a positive raise) but in each instance it produced the wrong contract because the force was unnecessary on the first round. No score; dealer North.

South was uncertain whether his partner had made a Blackwood enquiry and decided to bid Six No Trumps on the strength of his 17 points instead of five diamonds or six clubs.

West foresaw that he could not afford to open a small diamond because he had no trick in the suit except the ♠A, and he would be squeezed if declarer ran his spades and clubs unless East held the ♠Q. A small spade was equally unattractive whilst a low heart would compel declarer to finesse on the first round if dummy had the ♠AQ, because he would otherwise lose two tricks. Convinced that declarer's intention could be in hearts and that he must hope for South to have a singleton honour in that suit, he made the brilliant lead of the ♠Q fall.

Drink Vines which will last

bottle price, exclusive of VAT, is given, but the wines are only available by the case lot.

The Lynch Bages (1973), will appeal to people who like Lynch Bages. I admit to finding this fifth growth Pauillac usually a bit obvious and heavy, but the 1961 will certainly have to wait to develop its aroma, and shed some of its acidity.

The St Juliens were all delicious—ones can see why people might be tempted to drink these. The Ducru Beaucaillon was my favourite, beautiful, elegant wine, with notable fruitiness and a "bloom" to it that promises a great future (1970), but the fourth growth Talbot (1969), a lighter wine, has the close texture and intense flowery smell of the region. It would be a superb wine to introduce this great vintage as it is easy to understand. The Gruaud Larose, a second growth (1970), was silky rather than flowery, a little light but displaying the intense, hot character of the vintage. The Léoville Barton (1970) and Léoville Lascases (1970), both second growths, are quite different. The Lascases is already obviously impressive, and the touch of surprise that results from its vineyard adjoining the soil of Pauillac can be noted; the Barton is still a dark, oily vaguely fragrant wine, with outstanding freshness and a beautiful growth that increases in the month with surprising sweetness at the end. Personally I ended by preferring the Barton, although initially I thought the Lascases slightly

more elegant.

The Pichon Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande, was, in the opinion of many, the finest wine of the selection still on sale. The Pichon (1979) is superb classic claret, still opening out as regards bouquet and flavour, but perfectly balanced, with great charm at the beginning and end, plus indications that, with time, it will yield more and more in admirable proportion.

Finally, the Carrades of Château Lafite (1970) the wine made from vines that are less than the 12-year-old minimum demanded for those going into the "grand vin" curiously, the Cabernet Sauvignon, which is usually overshadowed at Lafite by the Merlot, is here very evident indeed, and—whee—knows that there are young vines yielding the lively quality they bestow is also evident.

If you get the chance to try any of the great 1961s in a restaurant or have some in reserve, then I suggest that they should be decanted not less than four or five hours ahead of time. Even longer could be to their advantage; we tasted this selection four or five hours after they were decanted and drank them six or seven hours later. They must be decanted—the response that derives from the great claret to a cradle is simply going to give the customer a large amount of deposit in the glass, by churning up the contents of the bottle.

Pamela Vandyke Price

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Dream and nightmare

Monteverdi: Orfeo. Soloists/Hamburg Monzardi Cbor, Camera Academica and Blaserkreis für alte Musik/Jürgens. Archiv 2723018. £6.50.

Handel: Messiah. arr Mozart. Soloists/Austrian Radio Chorus and Orch/Mackerras. Archiv 273019. £6.50.

Handel: L'Alcina. opera and ratorio areas. Janet Baker/ECO Leppard. Philips 6500523. £2.46.

While the German countries are anxious of us in the sophistication of their early music instrumental groups, British singers seem to be in great demand in this kind of recording. The DGG Archive recording of *Orfeo* is dominated by them.

This new version challenges the four-year-old Telefunken set under Nikolaus Harnoncourt, but recording set special store of authentic instrumental sound; and this one also uses voices like those specified by Monteverdi, although Jürgens thinks the original cannot be accepted as a reliable source of information about the orchestra originally used. He nevertheless employs as a source, but feels free to adjust or supplement its requirements, which he does asonably discretely. Jürgens conducts surprisingly romantically, but in a flexible manner, sudden pushes or long awn out ritardando. There are some strange tempos here indeed.

Still, in Monteverdi, as in the other two, it is the voices that matter most. One might regret that there are no Italians in the cast; but I suspect would be hard to find Italian cast with such sympathy for Monteverdi. And it is something which this set amply possesses. At the time of it is Nigel Rogers; I suspect that on the Telefunken, but here promoted Orpheus himself. The voice not particularly beautiful; but it has a hint of roughness. But it is exceptionally in, and is used with outstanding intelligence and a rural feeling for the style. Mr Rogers is a fluent singer, alive the expressive use of phrasing (there is some fine singing the big aria "Vi ricorda o chi ombrosi"), able to use his tone (as at Eurydice's third), and capable of really brilliant singing in the opera's act at centrepiece, his plea to iron "Possente spirito". He

does not overwhelm Charon with sheer loveliness of tone, as the ideal Orpheus might, but no doubt dazzles him with his swift runs and his perfectly placed ornaments; I have never before heard the famous (or notorious) *trillo* executed half as convincingly.

Of the other singers, I would specially mention Anna Reynolds's expressive and finely focussed delivery of the Messenger's and Proserpina's music (the tone nicely differentiated), Stafford Dean's deep-voiced Pluto, James Bowman's sweet-toned but restrained Hades, and the mellifluous contributions of Ian Partridge and John Elwes.

The other Archive set is for the purist, both dream and nightmare—a recording of *Der Messiah*, K572. Dream in that it is a diligent presentation in German of the Messiah arrangement prepared by Mozart for a Viennese patron in 1789; nightmare in that it grotesquely distorts the original. Mozart did his best to bring Handel's score "up to date", adding modern wind parts (like the sinuous counterpoints in "O thou that tellest"), "The people that walked in darkness" and "Thou shalt break them", filling out barely scored passages (like the characteristic two-violin additions to "O death, where is thy sting?") and cushioning out the orchestra generally as well as managing voice parts and making cuts.

No doubt many listeners find a certain *frisson* in this kind of contact between two eras. Others, differently sensitive to the perspective of the latter, one underlines the genuine utterance and makes it seem rivival or quaint. Mozart's text does not now provide a serviceable realization of the Messiah's period. The music is a fascinating commentary on the musical outlook of his own day.

Charles Mackerras conducts it with his usual sure grasp of Mozartian style, quite different in general feeling from his earlier EMI recording of the original (though there is still added ornamentation; I wonder whether those 1789 soloists introduced any). Neither the chorus nor orchestra sound well at home in the music and there is a good deal of careless ensemble. Edith Mathis is an adequate but unexciting soprano (with some questionable intonation in "I know that my Redeemer liveth"), Birgit Finnilä a passable contralto, Peter Schreier a polished and musical tenor and Theo Adam a firm bass.

Handel might not have expected singing as impassioned as Janet Baker's on her new disc. With some of the music transposed down, it lies right in the middle of her voice. She sings *L'Alcina* superbly; and her performance of such popular items as "Omnia mai fida" (the "Largo"), "Dove sci" "Care selve" and "O had I Jubal's lyre" will give much pleasure.

Stanley Sadie

Happy and glorious

Mozart: Die Entführung aus dem Serail aus dem Schauspiel-direktor Soloists, Dresden Staatskapelle/Böhm DG 2740 102. 3 records £6.50.

Karl Böhm has spent an active and glorious 80th birthday year yet I doubt whether any of his musical achievements in 1974 will prove so outstanding as the mastery performance of Mozart's *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* which Deutsche Grammophon issues this month. This new recording (from Dresden not Salzburg) is dominated by Böhm, who, as it should be, a great Austrian Mozartian, treats it perfectly and triumphantly in earnest.

Not that Böhm hectors the music or hurls the singers; quite the reverse. The cast is very strong, especially superior to those of the four other sets presently available, because Böhm gives the music time to exert its character, number by number, and so encourages the singers to make the most, interpretatively of each item. Fluid runs are neat and true, given time and an orchestral weight that does not tempt anyone to force the voice. "Martens aller Arten", for example, sounds grand and virtuoso as ever, but no strain at all because Arleone Auger sings the elaborate vocal line quite lightly though with plenty of spirit. Belmonte (Peter Schreier) makes a similarly heroic display of "Ich baus garz" — the cornerstone of this part usually cut because of its difficulty — not apparent here.

So one could continue with Reri Grist's delicious Blondchen, Harald Neukirch's sterling Pedrillo (though he sounds unpleasantly rough in the serenade), Kurt Moll's arched serenade, Kurt Moll's arched serenade, Kurt Moll's arched serenade. Yet in each of the other numbers, particularly in the second act quartet and the love duet in the shadow of death, we are chiefly made aware how dramatically true and richly imaginative Mozart's music is — this is Böhm's doing, a revelation.

By no means a joyless reading of *Die Entführung*, I hastened to add "Vivat Bacchus" and the act where Osmin berates the English for treating their women so tamely, and the final vaudeville arc brimful of the spirit of comedy — beautifully sung and played, admirably engineered. Indeed the musical beauty is just that of the Da Ponte opera, perfectly Mozartian.

William Mann

A toast to Schoenberg



Schoenberg: self-portrait.

Schoenberg: Complete works for chamber ensemble. London Sinfonietta/Atherton. Decca SXLK 6660-4. 5 records £8.95.

Schoenberg: Gurrelieder. Soloists Danish State Radio Chorus, Symphony and Concert Orch/Ferencsik. EMI SLS 884. Two records £3.95.

The centenary of Arnold Schoenberg's birth occurred on September 13 this year. On that day, sitting at a table surrounded by musicians, I proposed a toast to Schoenberg's memory: one or two young musicians responded heartily, the older ones without enthusiasm. After all this time, and a few years of enthusiastic, truly sympathetic performances, Schoenberg still mostly means the early post-Wagnerian works followed by apathy about what happened afterwards. The supposedly impregnable plank of 12-note technique still prevents many genuinely musical people from appreciating Schoenberg's work as a whole. Ill-prepared, uncomprehending performances, and dense fogs of academic analysis have put the ordinary Brahms devotee off music which they would enjoy if only they allowed themselves to listen without prejudice.

Schoenberg remained a traditionalist in his attitude to form and musical content all his life. The proper centenary toast to his memory as a great composer (in the tradition of J. S. Bach, who treated old musical forms in a different manner and was equally despised as unpalatable) would have been to have prefaced the centenary toast by playing the Decca album listed first above this review.

It develops from a monumental series of concerts given last autumn in London, and elsewhere, by the London Sinfonietta, devoted to the chamber works of Schoenberg and his pupil Roberto Gerhard. The group of virtuosos devoted their spot five years or so, under their conductor David Atherton, preparing performances of twentieth century music, mostly very new, that were not only accurate but musically alluring. An active denial of the idea that modern music sounds less pleasing than, say, Debussy or Mahler. Their Schoenberg per-

formances, mostly matured over some years (e.g. that of the First Chamber Symphony), were ear-opening to those who attended the concerts. Shortly afterwards they recorded a goodly selection for Decca—whence this box.

This is not the complete Schoenberg chamber music—the original recordings of the second chamber symphony, other works had to be omitted, though Nona Liddle's resplendent account of the late violin Fantasy is happily included. There are numerous curiosities such as the C major Christmas Music based on the idea that "The noble stem of Jesse" and three epigrammatic chamber pieces of 1910 which pursue

the compressed ideals of Anton Webern, and one of Schoenberg's chamber songs (pleasant but too long, and unsteadily sung), and a subtly satirical military march for piano quintet (deliberately crassly though some have taken it seriously), and a fascinating fragment of a quintet for piano with oboe, clarinet, violin and cello.

I would have welcomed more rarities from those concerts rather than *Pierrot lunaire*, much recorded and here somewhat stilted in performance. But the Serenade, and the wind quintet, and the Suite opus 25, are all given with overwhelming freshness and natural musicality, so that one listens to the

music as pleasurably as to a Mozart serenade or a wind quintet by Mahler.

Sometimes the recorded balance is unconvincing. June Barton's easy flights into the stratosphere in *Herzgewächse* should not sound as if she were already in orbit—though this does allow the gentle harmonium part to tell. In the first Chamber Symphony the upper strings are too often drowned by woodwind—Schoenberg's scoring is partly to blame (but this is the most vital account of the work I ever heard). In the vocal movement of the Serenade, excellently played in the Mozart tradition, the vocalist, John Shirley-Quirk, sounds hollow though his bel canto is not in doubt.

His set is cast with great distinction: Anna Reynolds, Alan Civil, Gervase de Peyer, and so on—the Sinfonietta's regular members are not at all outclassed. Most impressive is the likability of this music (though I suspect that Schoenberg was as unsympathetic a fellow as Beethoven or Wagner). David Atherton and his colleagues banish the old idea of Schoenberg as bogymán.

The composer of *Gurrelieder* was no bogymán at all. This is a big post-Wagnerian cantata, sumptuous and romantically passionate. The new EMI set derives from a Danish broadcast with such admired singers as Martina Arroyo, Janet Baker and (speaking only the great Julius Patzak. The sound-balance is not ideally lucid, but Janos Ferencsik's reading is affectionately responsive as Kubelik's on DG.

Both are excellent interpretations, the DG perhaps more vividly recorded as well sung too; but Mr Young is the more vital Waldemar, and Patzak more apt as the speaker, Miss Baker (fascinating comparison of equals with Miss Reynolds in the Decca chamber-version) is clearly in command as the Wood-dove. I will not take sides, but every dedicated Wagnerite should have one set of *Gurrelieder* close to the turntable. If this is epigonic music, long live epigony at such a level of genius.

William Mann

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Herbert von Karajan's search for the operatic super-package looks as though it will be achieved with *Otello*. The Salzburg Festival production in 1970 was gloriously exciting and two years later it was even better. The film has its premiere at the Festival Hall at the end of next week before opening a run at the Bloomsbury. And from EMI come the records and the cassette, which are basically the cinema soundtrack.

There is one major change from Salzburg. Karajan has switched from the Vienna Philharmonic to the Berlin Philharmonic and throughout the German players acquit themselves superbly. The sound is the one Karajan was reaching towards in his Scala recordings for DGG and has been perfecting with his EMI opera, notably *Fidelio* and *Meistersinger*: depth, variation, colour. His critics would add exaggeration. I would disagree, even though

the loud is very loud indeed in this new *Otello* and the soft has the ears craning towards the speakers.

Yet this too was the hallmark of the Salzburg staging. Karajan fines the orchestra down the thinnest thread of sound, here on record as in the theatre, at the beginning of the low duet, Vickers almost whispers the start of "Dio mi poteri". But the pit blazes along the *Credo*—a strong lagoon is needed to follow that orchestral outburst—and the trumpets echo and re-echo at the arrival of the Venetian ambassadors.

It could descend to exhibitionism. It never does because this recording goes right into the heart of Verdi's greatest opera. One of the reasons is that the trio of principals has been kept the same: Freni, Vickers and Glossop play together and sing together, spurring each other to greater efforts.

Vickers's *Otello* is a towering performance, his best on record so far. A single snarled note in that Act I entry sparks fear that he will pull at the vocal line, but they are quickly extinguished. He is a lion in the Cypriot jungle feeling the wounds bite deeper and deeper until suicide is the only possible answer to his emotional exhaustion. Peter Glossop's Jago improved mightily in the new Salzburg production, first night and the 1972 revival and on this record he has become better still. The exaggerations have been pared away to reveal the plotter edging his

way towards the top. It is not a slinky Jago; it could not be the way Karajan takes the *Credo*. Instead Glossop presents an enemy to be feared.

By contrast Mirella Freni emphasizes the softness and femininity of Desdemona, she is a fragile creature scarcely comprehending what is happening around her. Vickers could do with a little more power and hurt in the Act III rejection, but elsewhere—in the love duet especially and in the handling of the last act—she is as moving on record as she was on stage. A number of the supporting roles have been changed from Salzburg and nearly all are conspicuously well sung, with the exception of Sécocch's spidery Rodrigo.

Of the rival versions both the Serafini and Barbirolli sets have substantial weaknesses and Karajan's recording of 1961 shows its age. Toscanini's interpretation remains classic and sounds particularly well in RCA's reissue. But among the modern sets this new *Otello* from Karajan is undoubtedly the one to have. Now on to summer, in Italian I am happy to say.

Joseph Rouleau presumably disagrees. In his Decca recital he keeps King Philip in French and does the same for *Proclama in Vespi*. The record is challengingly labelled "French Opera", but I suspect that Mr Rouleau is not really the man to take up cudgils. In any case his best singing is reserved for two Massenet items, from *Hérodiade* and *Le Jongleur de Notre Dame*,

where the easy flowing line lies well for his voice. Elsewhere there is lack of bite and attack, and much of the fault lies with lacklustre backing from the Covent Garden Orchestra and John Matheson.

No one could accuse the recording Callas made of *La Gioconda* for Italian Radio many years ago as wanting to fire. The Act II confrontation between Laura (Fedora Barbieri) and La Gioconda snarling at one another over the possession of Eozo Grimaldo is stirring stuff indeed. There are imperfections in plenty on this reissue on cheap label of the old Cepra set: Callas breathing too heavily, Poggi unromantic as Eozo, the sound of the RAI distastefully thin. But they are easily outweighed by a blood and thunder performance of a kind that could now bring the equivalent of Callas, Barbieri and Silveri together for a studio performance? Those were the golden days of radio.

A final word of recommendation for the Polydor assembly at a reasonable £18 of Böhm's trio of Mozart operas, *Figaro*, *Giovanne*, *Zauberflöte*. Each set has a disadvantage but which Mozart opera on record do not? Böhm himself is consistent, and the most important factor, in them all. Polydor, and collectors of big boxes, must be regretting that Decca and EMI have Böhm *Cosis* but they can point in recompense to the new *Entführung aus dem Serail* reviewed across the page by William Mann.

John Higgins

Two hands and four hands

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Beethoven: Piano Sonatas in A flat, Op 110, and C minor, Op 111 Vladimir Ashkenazy, Decca SXL 6630 £2.55.

Beethoven: Piano Sonatas in C minor, Op 111. Schubert: Wanderer Fantasy in C, D 760. Ronald Smith, HMV HQS 1331, £1.47.

All the books tell us that when Debussy was 18 and Emmanuel was 15 the pianist and general musical factotum in the household of Mme Nadzhdia von Meek, he started work on a symphony, of which he subsequently sent the first movement. In piano duet version, to the eminent patroness he shared with Tchaikovsky. So all gratitude to Alfred and Aloys Koszky for finding a work for this "charming" piece (to borrow Mme von Meek's adjective) in their splendid new two-disc volume of music for four hands by Debussy and Ravel. Though more likely to be mistaken for Liszt or Glazunov or some other secondary Russian than offering even

the remotest pre-echo of the Debussy-to-be, it helps to emphasize the extent of his journey from 1880 to 1915, the year of the latest work included, the suite *Et blanc et noir*.

As for Ravel, it is particularly interesting to hear "Frottispieces", a miniature of 1919 starting as homage to Stravinsky, in its linear independence, before the unmistakably Ravelian, assuaging coda "Entre chloés" originally intended as partner for "Habanera" in the early (1895-99) unpublished *Les sites auxiliaires*, is another invaluable inclusion, the more so as the volume also brings the *Rapsodie espagnole* (into which Ravel subsequently transferred the "Habanera") to a four-handed transcription. The playing throughout is marvellously vivid, marvellously delicate. Even the tone-deaf could scarcely fail to recognize the dialogue of Beauty and the Beast (in *Mo Mère l'Oye*) or the sounds and perfumes quivering in the night air (in *Six Epigraphes antiques*).

In sum, an essential acquisition for all schools of music and libraries, and an endless source of pleasure for the private collector.

Mendelssohn's eight books of *Songs without Words* have for so long been banished to aspidochelone-land that it is strange to find two Danieles of the younger generation rushing to their rescue within a year. Time was when Liszt's *Lietai* of Sir Thomas Beecham's calibre to persuade our immediate elders

that there was more to Mozart than innocent charm. Perhaps Daniel Adni and Daniel Barenboim judge similar depths to be beneath Mendelssohn's elegant façade?

Once or twice (as in Nos 14 and 15) Barenboim's choice of tempo seems a bit too fast for the deepest exploration, yet not nearly as often as Adni's seems too static. Poised and sensitive as Adni is, his playing is virginal in comparison with Barenboim's ripper characterization and greater urgency. The extras on the last side of this new issue include a "Gondellied" even more sensuously attractive than those included in the "official" *Lieder ohne Worte* besides the six *Kinderstücke* (1842) obviously inspired by, yet nevertheless, Schumann's *Kinder-scenen*.

South Bank concertgoers currently enjoying Barenboim's Mozart concerto cycle as concert pianist with the ECO will be glad that HMV is giving us the lot. A coupling of the early K238 in B flat and the later "Coronation" concerto K537 in D, brings an uncommonly expressive youthful Mozart, particularly in the slow movement; here, as at the Festival Hall, Barenboim seems out to prove how false is the musicological division (circa 1800) between things classical and romantic. Barenboim's discretion over ornamentation is admirable and his light-fingered flexibility in that outer movement yet includes marvellously perceptive alternations between minor key

tears and major key sunshine in the finale.

From this same ubiquitous artist there is also a generously played and recorded re-issue of Beethoven's violin concerto in the composer's own keyboard arrangement. Of course we win at the first movement's out-of-place military cadenza (involving temporary) and the trio left-hand accompaniment to its sublime coda, not to mention "Alberti" type additions in the slow movement, and emasculating embellishments in the rondo theme of the finale. Yet every serious music lover should own this issue, if only as a cautionary tale as to what 1974 should spare its potential Beethovens (if we have any).

In his new coupling of Beethoven's last two piano sonatas, Ashkenazy chooses provocatively slow tempo for the fugues (surely symbolic of divine regeneration after despair) in Op 110, and even for the first movement (both with regard to the *meszasso* of his introduction and the *con brio ed appassionato* of the remainder) in Op 111. For the rest, and especially when reaching out to starchy infinity in the variations of Op 111, he is his superlative best. By comparison, Ronald Smith's Op 111 is a triumph of intelligence without that ultimate transfiguring glimpse of the holy grain. But there is much to commend in his unidiosyncratic "Wanderer".

Joan Chissell

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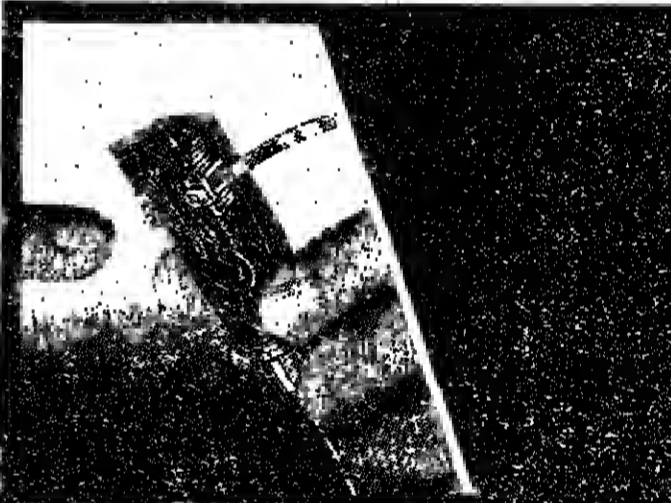
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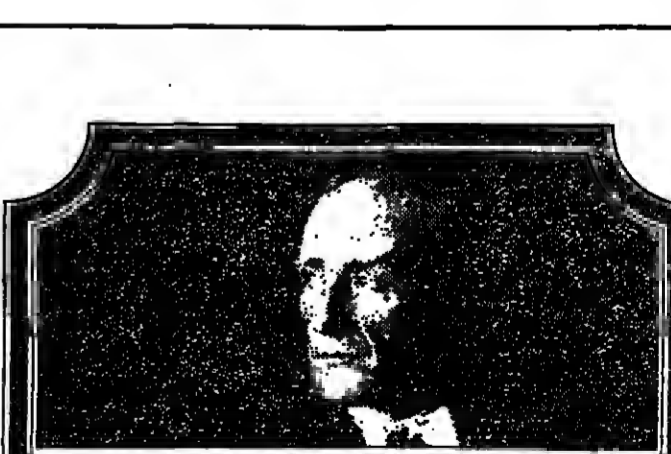
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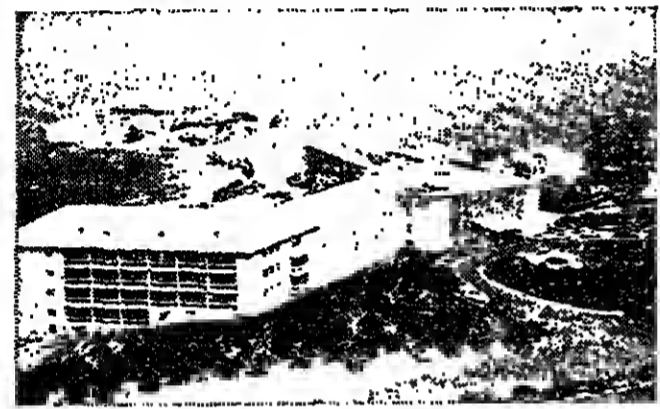
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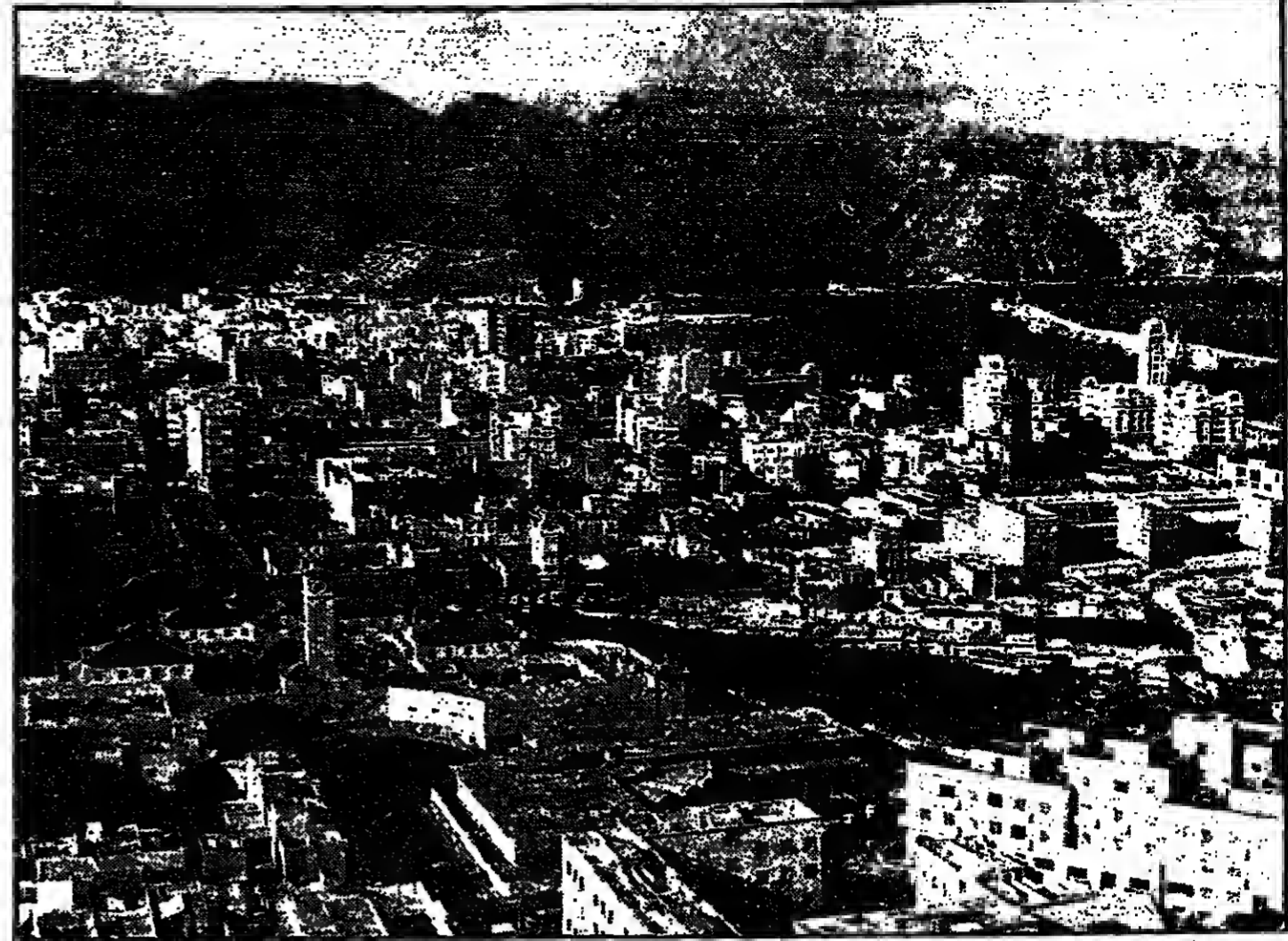
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wine lodge and the coach returning us to the ship in time for lunch. Dinner, however, was taken ashore at a restaurant called A Romana, which may not have been absolutely typical of what Funchal has to offer, but which provided an excellent menu and some fine wine.

Ocean Monarch's first port of call over two-week cruise had been Tangier, which is, and has been for many years, a popular stopping place as far as British cruise passengers are concerned.



Santa Cruz de Tenerife: A field day for the bargain hunter.

to be our next stop, I promised my inquisitive children that there would be camels in plenty on that stark and barren island.

Last time I wrote about Lanzarote and its camels, however, I mentioned having been mild that the heists could not swim. (A plausible ship's doctor had assured me that a camel's centre of gravity prevents it.)

something of a let down. These passengers' intent on snapping up duty free bargains had a field day, and as this aspect of a cruise holiday is quite important to many people, I realize that Tenerife has considerable appeal.

ments for shore excursions, and this aspect of the holiday seems to be well handled. As for the cruise in general, I must stress that my criticisms of two weeks ago deal with shortcomings that can be rectified.

John Carter

Chess

An art, not a game

Every now and then, when I come across some unfortunate individual who does not know how to play chess, I am liable to be affronted by the remark "It's only a game".

light of the remark mentioned in my first sentence is totally oblivious of its artistry. This is the reason why, indeed, I think we must qualify the really great chess-master with the appellation of artist.

termed "an enthusiast", which was the fairly polite description of an eccentric fanatic. "Chess," they will say, "cannot be deemed a way of life."

that the fact that chess is also a competition, a rivalry, between two players means that this artistry is not necessarily unalloyed. You will remember that tradition approves all forms of competition and that type of chess-master who covets the point at the expense of artistry either of conception or execution is always with us.

As we get older we become more philosophical and resigned to the unkind tricks that nature plays upon us—at least I and my wife do, although I am afraid I tend to suffer fools less gladly and to resent increasingly rudeness and surly, shoddy service. But for no logical reason wasps bring out the worst in me.

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Thinking he will win the rook if White captures the QP, so indeed he does, but at the cost of being mated. Correct was 31... K-K2.

Black (Szymczak) to play



White (Tal) A remarkable position. Mate is threatened on B7. If now 37... Q-K2, 38 Q-K5 mate. If 37... R-B2, 38 Q-K5 ch. K-K2, 39 Q-B7 ch. K-Q1, 40 Q-K8 mate. As for 37... QxP see the game.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

A cutting time

I have grown a fair number of miniature rose varieties over the years, but they have really taken to our soil, which is frankly not very good, any but the most vigorous ones.

Hardwood cuttings are used for propagating black and white currants, and gooseberries. We like blackcurrants to produce several stems if below ground, so cuttings are inserted about this time of year, 8 to 10 inches long, and all the top two buds are covered with soil. Red and white currants and gooseberries best on a clean stem or leg about 9 inches before the branches start, so the cutting 12 to 14 inches long have buds removed, except the upper three or four which are, of course, above ground. Insert the cuttings to the depth of the top 6 inches is covered with soil. As with the roses, insert six 6 inches apart in a shallow trench lined with sand, firm down well. It may not be necessary to tread them again at times in the winter, but a spring if frost loosens the soil.

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I will return to this question of growing fruit in garden where space is at a premium another day. It is surprising how much fruit can be grown in a very small area—ever a town garden, if use is made walls and fences.

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Mr Heller catches the spirit of a generation

Joseph Heller, the author of the best-selling *Catch-22*, is not a man given to false modesty. He will admit to having had some earlier anxieties about his second book *Something Happened*. But now that it has been finally published after 12 years of work he is sure that it, too, will be a success. Which means, he says, that he will be able to go on doing what he wants with his life, without having to worry about money.



Joseph Heller in *"Catch-22"* days.

Something Happened is not of course at all similar to *Catch-22*. Whereas the earlier book was a humorous ironic and often fanciful account of life in the United States Air Force in the Second World War, *Something Happened* is altogether closer to home. It is about the inner turmoil of a corporation executive, and though the irony is still there, any humour that has been allowed in is very faintly, and delicately, forced.

When I saw Mr Heller in his working flat in New York, however, he insisted that both books were related to the morality and anxieties of the times. The difference was that the earlier had been written in the heyday of the political persecutions of the McCarthyist period.

Today, there was no longer a danger of war, but there was job insecurity and dissatisfaction and sexual and marital dissatisfaction. There was confusion over friendships and jobs. People had learnt that they could fail by succeeding and that what happened to Bob Slocum was the rising corporation executive who was highly successful at his job, but was unhappy and anxious both at the office and at home.

Or, as he puts it elsewhere, "apathy, boredom, restlessness, frenetic, amorphous frustration, leisure, discontent, at home or at my job—these are my aphorisms now."

Slocum is the "hero" of *Something Happened*, and the book consists of a long, rambling monologue in which he describes his relations with his office colleagues, his wife and children, and a number of women in his life. All of them appear to be unsatisfactory, and Slocum expatiates on the problems at great length, returning over and over again to the same points.

His youngest son is even more of a problem, because he is retarded, and Slocum regards this as part social stigma, part burden. "It is not true," Slocum says, "but retarded (brain-damaged, idiot, feeble-minded, emotionally disturbed, autistic) children are the necessary favourites of their parents or that they are always uncommonly beautiful and lovable, for Derek, our youngest child, is not especially good-looking, and we do not love him at all."

Peter Strafford

Something Happened will be published by Jonathan Cape next Thursday, price £3.25.

Tories would be wrong to make Mr Heath a scapegoat

George Hutchinson

The Conservatives have entered an extraordinary period of self-censorship and self-restriction, which cannot be taken for granted but do not enjoy the somewhat contrived drama to which they have been treating us since they have been in office.

Mr du Cann and the officers of the 1922 Committee (all, incidentally, are themselves subject to reselection, which cannot be taken for granted) have no doubt enjoyed the somewhat contrived drama to which they have been treating us since they have been in office.

At the very outset of the new Parliament and even before it has assembled (members meet on Tuesday for the Speaker's election, with the State opening a week later), Conservative MPs are called upon to form an individual and collective judgment in circumstances of the most unusual, if not unparalleled, character.

Let us try to examine the Tory dilemma dispassionately. It may be posed in three questions. Should the party repudiate Mr Heath's leadership at once by insisting on his early resignation? Alternatively, should it continue to support him, even provisionally, and perhaps review the leadership after six months or so? Most important of all, what is the right order to discuss and settle the party's policies first, and its leadership afterwards, or to do the opposite?

is that every Tory MP will now act thoughtfully and fairly, avoiding rancour and recriminations.

Whatever else may be disputed or in doubt, there is no occasion for recriminations. If the leader is at fault, those who comprised the parliamentary party in the summer of 1965 were at fault for electing and subsequently sustaining him, as most of them have been glad to do.

He is commonly held to account for losing three elections. The arithmetic is correct. The underlying charge is wrong because it is extravagantly unjust. How can it be reasonably held that Mr Heath's resignation is his fault for losing the election of 1966, when the Labour tide was running so strongly after Mr Wilson's narrow victory in 1964 and Mr Heath had been leading his party for a mere eight months? To ascribe that defeat to him is preposterous, so let us subtract it from the calculation and then see how things look.

The opinion polls, were predicting disaster for the Tory Party and the eclipse of its leader. Readers of these columns would not expect me to pretend that the ensuing Government was invariably successful in all its undertakings. Neither was it invariably unsuccessful. Apart from its historic European policy there were other achievements deserving proper recognition.

Without enumerating them all, one might mention Mr Heath's sturdy yet sensitive efforts in Northern Ireland, Sir Keith Joseph's record in the social services, Mrs Thatcher's in education, and Mr Peter Walker's during his term at the Department of the Environment.

His critical mistake was in going to the country last February over the dispute with the miners. Again, it is to be held solely responsible. True, the ultimate decision was his—but half his Cabinet colleagues (led by Lord Carrington and Mr James Prior, then chairman and deputy chairman of the party) were urging him to do it.

As Lord Salisbury was reminding the House in his customary generosity towards Mr Heath, end with characteristic candour, every member of the Cabinet was an assenting party.

If those who were at first opposed to the decision—Mr Whitelaw, Mr Robert Carr and Mr Maurice Macmillan among them—had piped up strongly enough, at the right time, things might have turned out differently. In the event, all were guilty—but some more than others.

Who then is the culprit? There is no single culprit. Virtually everyone of consequence has done something to hamper the party in some degree for the origins of the party's present plight.

Far from being aggravated by the election just behind us, it is true, have been the reverse. The predicted Labour landslide did not occur. Labour's advance has been contained. To that extent, the Tories conducted a good and successful campaign.

Labour may remain in office for a long time—but under the constraints of something much less than the overwhelming majority that many burred and others feared. The Tories are right to kick themselves for February—but not for October.

However that may be, Conservative MPs, many of them elected on by disgruntled constituency officers, may still decide to bring about a precipitate change rather than allow an interval for reflection, not least on policy. By doing so, they would be taking the most difficult of the courses open to them, and probably the most dangerous. The danger of hurried, ill-considered action is that they tend to produce the wrong result. If the Tories were now to make a mistake they could expect to pay a very heavy price indeed in coming years.

Mr Wilson must be smiling as he contemplates that possibility. © Times Newspapers Ltd 1974

Conspiracy of silence still cloaks the Katyn massacre



1939: the defeated Polish resistance army on the road to deportation and death.

Ever since 1943 the Katyn massacre has been the subject of an artificial confusion; a cover-up devised by the perpetrators with the assistance of others for whom the truth would be uncomfortable and not consistent with what is called "the realities of politics".

Two nations await clarification and an international judgment: the Poles who provided the victims and the Germans who have repeatedly been wrongly accused of this horrendous crime. No indemnification has ever been paid to the relatives of these victims nor have they been afforded any scintilla of moral indemnification such as would be contained in a clear condemnation of the murderers.

Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany entered into a secret pact which resulted in the attack from the east on Poland on September 17, 1939, and which enabled the parties to divide up that unhappy and mortally wounded country between them before the month was out. Almost immediately the Soviets deported one and a half million Poles to Siberia, but segregated about 15,000 officers and other leaders in case some use could be made of them. For six months between October, 1939, and April, 1940, they were intensely questioned but none would denounce either his country or his religion.

About 300 were capriciously spared but only death awaited the remaining 14,500. It is said that some 4,000 from the camp at Starobielisk were shot near Khar'kov; that about 6,000 from Ostash'kov camp were sunk in sealed barges off Archangel while nearly 4,500 from a camp at Kozelsk were taken to Katyn forest and there individually shot in the back of the head. What is certain is that no word ever came from any of these 14,500 despite endless enquiries at every level, enquiries which became ever more persistent after the attack on Russia in the summer of 1941 and when the Soviets then cynically turned their backs on their Polish captives for help against the Wehrmacht.

The Germans had been in occupation of the Katyn area for nearly two years before they acted on rumors and started digging in the forest. In April 1943 the world was startled by the announcement that the bodies of thousands of Polish officers, all in uniform, had been discovered in mass graves after a day or two of stunned silence the Russians claimed that this was all a

Naazi plot and that Katyn forest was the site of an ancient burial ground, but when the German and the Polish Red Cross demanded an impartial enquiry by the Red Cross International Committee the Soviets refused their necessary permission.

Deprived of this, the Germans brought together a number of eminent forensic scientists which included the Swiss and therefore neutral Professor Neville. Some 900 bodies were examined and the International Medical Commission (as the Germans called it) was unanimous in saying that the mass-murder could not have been committed later than the spring of 1940—at a time when only the Russians were in possession of the area and some 15 months before the Nazis crossed into Soviet territory.

The tide of war turned and by 1944 the Russian army was once again in control of Katyn forest. Again the bodies were dug up at the orders of the Allies, but the International Commission which pronounced that the Poles had been killed by the German army in the autumn

of 1941. The Western world took refuge behind this lie and claimed that they had no opinion because of the confusion. In 1945 the legal apparatus known as the Nuremberg Tribunal was set up and Katyn was finally placed within the jurisdiction against the Germans. The Soviets sat amongst the judges. But the prosecution fell to the ground despite every effort and the loaded atmosphere, and Katyn was dropped. No mention of it appears in the final judgment despite the question put by the German defence counsel, who asked: "If my clients are innocent of this crime, who is to be made responsible?" Thus were the Katyn victims pushed yet further into their graves.

In 1950 on the tenth anniversary of the massacre, General Anders renewed the Polish plea for a judgment and in 1952 the eighty-second United States Congress set up a special committee of investigation. After months of inquiry in Europe that Committee stated that the Katyn massacre had been committed, without any shadow of doubt, by the Soviet NKVD and it recom-

mended action by the United Nations. No such action followed and the usual silence again prevailed. A further effort was made in the United States Congress in 1956 but like its predecessor it awaited nothing. Every mention of Katyn was met by the Soviets by a dull repetition that the German army was responsible, and the Germans gaged by Nazi guilt in other instances felt they could not reply.

Meanwhile Poland was ever being ground down by Gomulka and it is said that he himself objected when Khrushchev suggested admitting the truth.

But the Katyn victims are ever restless in their graves and in 1971 the whole ghastly case burst again into the pages of the world's newspapers. Two books were published on the subject and the BBC twice showed a "documentary" film. A motion in the House of Commons calling for condemnation of the perpetrators found support from over 200 MPs of all parties and a debate in the Upper House, instigated by Lord Sargant, lasted for over two hours by the time echoes in America and elsewhere. In October of that year the Soviet Weekly again produced its threadbare story of German guilt, wildly inaccurate in detail, but still sufficiently persuasive to refurbish the cover-up and conspiracy of silence.

But as so often when one avenue of action is closed, another opened, in this case with the suggestion that a memorial be erected to honour the forgotten and betrayed victims. And thus the Katyn Memorial Fund came into being: an Anglo-Polish committee pledged to erect a monument to those who were cruelly murdered as the flower of Poland, no individual of which would renounce his country, his principles or his religion.

Again the Soviets tried to smudge the issue and in the summer of this year they invited President Nixon to sign a book at Katyn (with an "H" in Belorussia, the scene so they said, of a German atrocity. The Russ missed the mark and was roundly denounced in Britain and America. Opposition to the memorial project is so fervent, but a matter of such huge and dark and so important as Katyn is not to be brushed aside by those who, like Pontius Pilate, are afraid of the truth. Louis Fitzgibbon

The author is also the author of *Katyn - A Crime Without Parallel* and *The Katyn Cover-up*, and founder of the Katyn Memorial Fund.

A good harvest, but who reaps the benefit?

I left England for three weeks at the end of June and I was in a state of despair. We had had no rain since the end of March; weed sprays had failed on our sugar beet crops, and on much other beet in our area.

We had also sprayed twice against green fly, and all sprayed very costly; milk and beef were losing money. Our sole hope was the cereal crop but what hope for that with no rain? Our grass too was bare to the ground and looked as if it had been mown. It also desperately needed rain.

The sight of waterlogged fields in the country which I was visiting, and which normally suffer from drought at that time of year, increased my irritation. So did the frequent rain. If only this were happening in England, I might be glad. It was raining to find that July had been wet and our grass was unbelievably good; better than it usually is at that time of year. The corn looked much happier too, and there seemed some chance of a reasonable yield.

For most farmers harvest is an exciting time. After all it is the culmination of a year's work. But it can also be agonizing, particularly for the small farmer. The major problem is always the weather. If it is wet then there is the costly drying of the grain and without storage facilities it must be sold immediately. Loading too in wet weather is difficult with awkward access to fields along narrow lanes. There is also the necessity of finding an extra man to help and it is not easy even in our rural areas to get someone for the three or four weeks of harvesting end then straw carrying. And finally there is the worry about prices. All the spring barley is ready at once, which lowers the price, and we are at a further disadvantage in having to sell immediately.

In early August it was wet and cold and we were given some rain, as we listened to the news and it was always, "Wet with sunny spells". We had the wet weather all right but never the sunny spells. And the later in the month we begin, the harder it is the longer the working day is shortened by heavy dews and darkness falling earlier. I think, too, we had the feeling that last year was a bonanza harvest and that it could not happen again. But it did.

We were lucky to find a farm worker who had just retired, to help us for three weeks. On Tuesday, August 20, it was hot and we began. It

was hot on the Wednesday, and on the Thursday, and on the Friday, and on the Saturday. So hot that at times it was unpleasant for the men. We wondered if they would want to work on the Saturday as it was the holiday weekend. Yes, of course they assumed they would work until we had finished, and that we did. Saturday at 3 pm. Harvesters always have breakdowns. Not this year. Sometimes corn is not to be harvested when it is wet. Not this year, so that no question of testing for moisture ever arose. No one can sow plain at a price of £55 a ton for feed barley with quick election, and one had had to leave the farm on the Friday. I remember my startled surprise last year at being offered £49 a ton for good quality winter barley.

Winter, never has a harvest been so carefree and easy. The lower the nitrogen content of barley for malting the higher the price. I could hardly believe that the nitrogen would be low in our small tonnage of malting barley, after all, else had gone without a hitch. But low it was so that the price was high.

While we were harvesting, a contractor was bolting straw and, as yields are low (I shall have about 3,500 bales instead of the 5,000 we should like), we were glad to have 4 ft of 12 acres from a neighbouring farmer who would otherwise have lapsed. During the second week, straw was stacked in the intervals of loading corn and by the end of the third week we were ready to begin our autumn cultivations. It has been a happy and profitable harvest for us and we shall never see its like again. But then we said that last year was a bonanza harvest, and that it could not happen again. But it did.

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Moscow is front-runner for 1980 Olympics

Sportsview

The 75th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to be held in Vienna next week, will be an historic occasion. For the first time the 70 or so members (it would be more precise to say they are because some tend to be advanced years and uncertain durability) will choose to take the Olympic Games to a communist country, to Moscow in fact, in 1980.

There is a certain irony here. The main characteristics of IOC membership, deliberately or not, are wealth and position (more often both) and with a strong Corinthian dedication to sport. Lord Exeter, the senior member, meets all three conditions, since as the young Lord Burghley fresh out of Eton and Cambridge he won an Olympic gold medal in 1928, a *Bygones Own Paper* story come to life. Yet it is men such as this who, given the choice between two centres of communism and capitalism, are certain to plump for the former when they cast their votes in secret in the Vienna Town Hall on Wednesday.

The princes, the peers, the counts, a grand-duke, a rajah, a shah and a sultan, among others (alas there is no longer

a king since the recent resignation of Constantine of Greece), will have to swallow their patriotic pride and face the facts—ad the facts all come down heavily in favour of Moscow against Los Angeles, the only other candidate for the 1980 games.

The fact, for instance, that not once in the whole history of the Olympic Games since they were revived in 1896, have they been held in a communist country. The fact that the Games of the 21st Olympiad in 1976 are to be held in North America (Montreal). The fact that Los Angeles has already staged them, in 1932. The fact that the Winter Games of 1980 seem certain to be held in the United States (if they are held at all), since Lake Placid, New York State, is the only candidate. And the fact that the IOC have cause to be wary about United States assurances in view of the embarrassing defection of Denver from the 1976 Winter Games.

One fact, however, may help Los Angeles. The demonstration against Israel during the World Student Games in Moscow last year. It is a cardinal principle of the Olympic movement that every one of the 130 or so member nations must be allowed to take part and Israel

is a member in good standing. But, principle or no, Rhodesia will recall with bitterness that they, too, were in good standing in 1972 and their athletes were actually in Munich when they were told they were not wanted.

Soma IOC members might recall, too, that the Russians behaved badly at their session in Amsterdam in 1970 after the defeat of Moscow's application for 1976. Leading 28-25 after the first ballot, Moscow was overruled on the second by Montreal when all 17 votes cast for the third candidate, Los Angeles (save one left mysteriously blank), swung round behind Montreal. The Russians stormed out of the hall and held a hysterical press conference that detected the sinister hand of capitalism at work in a "monopoly of the Western World". But that was four years ago and, in any case, too many chips are now stacked in the red corner. And they have one powerful friend in the IOC, the French millionaire, Count Jean de Beaumont, the senior vice-president of the IOC, who has already declared his hand in their favour.

Although the tide, then, runs strongly Russia's way, to the satisfaction of the many who would like them to open their frontiers to a mass of cosmopolitan visitors, they are leaving nothing to chance. They have mounted a vast publicity campaign, with lavishly produced books and promotion films that point to the many virtues of Moscow's application. A committee of 10 are already in Vienna, armed with extensive scale models and a plush exhibition of what Moscow has to offer.

The centrepiece of the Games will be (technically one should say "would be") the huge Lenin stadium, with room for 103,000 spectators all seated, but most other facilities will be new. No expense, it seems, will be spared, whether in Moscow or at Tallinn in Estonia, "a delightful old Hanseatic town" according to Reuter's man, where the yachting events are to be held. The Russians expect to house more than 10,000 competitors and officials, 6,000 press and broadcasting technicians (fortified with a specially launched satellite) and one million tourists. During the IOC session in Warsaw, Bulgaria, last year was given an assurance that visitors would be free to roam where they chose.

Another, more taxing, problem for the Olympic movement

comes from the other communist stronghold, Peking. The place of mainland China is not specifically on the agenda for next week, but it is inconceivable that the subject will not be seriously discussed at every dinner table. If not raised under one of the 21 items tabled for the meeting, China are making renewed and astute attempts to win their way heck into the movement, a welcome change of heart in IOC eyes, but the price they are asking for their readmission is the expulsion of another member in good standing, Taiwan of course. The IOC have said often enough that they would welcome back Peking, who left in a huff in 1958, but not at the expense of Taiwan. The United Nations parallel is therefore invalid.

Or is it? The IOC are not entirely masters in their own house. For all their high stature, their Games are conducted by the International Federations, the governing bodies of the 26 sports in the Olympic programme, and the federations have been flexing their muscles in recent years in a demand for a louder voice in policy decisions. There has been a growing tendency there to accept Peking to the exclusion of Taipei and the IOC were forced to execute

an abrupt volte-face over the Asian Games at Tainan last year. Although China was told to compete and Taipei told there was no place for it, the IOC, who originally had heard critical of the Asian Games organizing committee, soon came round to bestowing their patronage (ie. recognition) on the events at Tainan. Taiwan's absence notwithstanding.

Even the International Amateur Athletic Federation, for the formidable Lord Exeter's head, changed its rules (with out specifically mentioning China), to allow China to compete at Tainan. The IOC, they have already moved halfway towards Peking and the outbreak for Taiwan is bleak. It is even technically possible for Taiwan to be squeezed out without the IOC being able to lift an elegant finger, since any member country has to belong to at least five federations; therefore, 22 federations chose to expel Taiwan (and, already here), its Olympic qualification would be automatic lapses. Too much remains to be done for 1976, but a Chinese invasion of Moscow in 1980 is an interesting prospect. Better, 1980, perhaps, than 1984.

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AUSTRALASIAN ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENTS

In the past two years Labour governments in Australia and New Zealand have speeded up a change that had been going on some years beforehand...

Asia at first fired visions of a great regional community free of ideological overtones and great power rivalries. That proved too remote for some of its hosts to relish...

their future arrangements must be made. The other obvious reason impelling change has been the rise in price of those export commodities that were once chiefly exported to Britain...

ITALY LOSING CONFIDENCE AND HOPE

Explosions which damaged Fiat repair shops and showrooms in Rome yesterday morning scarcely news in present Italy, where violence of a more or less political nature has become an everyday occurrence...

fairly clear now that neo-fascists were behind the savage de Milano—the explosion which killed sixteen people in a bank in December, 1969. It is certain that they were responsible for the killings at Brescia in May this year, and on the Italicus train at the beginning of August...

ferent cynicism, even frivolity, in the majority, but have no doubt helped to stimulate a minority to acts of nihilistic despair. Only the Italian Communist Party remains so far relatively untouched by the contempt attaching to all other parties and politicians...

These children's plight

physical and psychological dangers to which children are exposed by this isolation, and accordingly by trying to generate suitable play groups and possibly youth clubs, where the children could spend part of their time...

improve, and that the Chinese children in Edinburgh, at least, will not feel that they are invisible and ignored. Yours faithfully, JENIFER SPENCER, Organizer, Women's International Centre English Teaching Schemes, 2 Roxburgh Street, Edinburgh.

Waste of resources

From Mrs Brian Pomeroy. Sir, What waste all around us. On a short (and unnecessary) drive today I passed rubble uncleaned, apples rotting on the ground in the orchards, and great beams of wood being burned on a demolition site...

Issues after the election: length of administrations

From Mr C. J. Bartlett. Sir, The following is a list of aggregated period of office of the 15 Prime Ministers who have commenced their Premiership in the twentieth century.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Years, Days. Lists PMs like H. K. Asquith, Sir W. S. Churchill, S. Baldwin, etc.

Mr Wilson will need to remain in office until March 4, 1977 and the Labour Government until September 18, 1982 for them to head the respective tables.

Conservative leadership

From Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury. Sir, Like others of my party I have been concerned about the much publicized meetings of the last executive of the 1922 Committee...

Thought from abroad

From Mr Chaim Berman. Sir, Home thought from abroad on election day, as Pitt did not say! If we cannot save ourselves by our own efforts, perhaps we can save Europe by our example.

Blight in the West End

From Councillor C. A. Prendergast. Sir, In dealing with the problem of blight in the West End your leading article in the Times of October 16 has not sufficiently emphasized the cause...

A pulsar seen in 1054

From the Master of Gonville and Caius College. Sir, Your account (October 16) of the award of this year's Nobel Prize for Physics, so well deserved, to the radio-astronomers Sir Martin Ryle and Professor Antony Hewish...

Letters to the Editor

From Mr Anthony Oliver. Sir, The news media since the election have presented a sad picture of the Tory party in disarray, with stroop pressure being exerted, so we are told, to replace Edward Heath as leader.

Such pressure groups have a right to say what they think and as a Tory voter so have I. Let them pause, I say, and think long and hard before they remove Mr Heath from the leadership of our party.

Deliberate abstentions

From Lord Killearn. Sir, It is surely misleading that the proportion of the electorate voting for any particular political party is always expressed as a percentage of those voting.

Mathematics of democracy

From Mr C. E. Carrington. Sir, Could someone inform your correspondent, the Research Officer of the National Union of Public Employees, that "capital" is a commodity not a political caucus...

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Colour bar in a club

From Professor S. C. Thakur. Sir, In reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal and ruling that working men's clubs have the right to refuse to admit coloured workers, the House of Lords have dealt a heavy blow to race relations in this country...

As a coloured academic, I should, I suppose, be grateful that I work at a university; university academics happen to be enlightened people. But this is scarier comfort really. For the fact remains that if my colleagues wanted to keep me out of our staff club, they would—according to their lordships—have the right to do so.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 18: The Queen today toured the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead by river and car.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commander of the Women's Royal Air Force, visited RAF Hendon, Bedfordshire, today.

YORK HOUSE
October 18: The Duchess of Kent, accompanied by Mrs. Michaela Finchale Training College, and in the afternoon opened the Abbey Day Centre, Durham.

TEAUGHTON HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
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Process Ance, Chief Commandant of the Women's Royal Naval Service is to be presented to the Queen at the Palace of St James's Palace on Monday, October 21.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Bennett and Miss A. D. S. Hart
The engagement is announced between James, son of Spurgeon Leader and Mrs T. Bennett, of West Cliff-on-Sea, and Alison, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. D. Hart, of The Rectory, West Bergholt, Colchester.

Marriages

Mr J. C. Clothier and Miss J. Kimber
The marriage took place in Loo-doo on Friday, October 18, between Mr John Clothier and Miss Jane Kimber.

Birthdays today

Sir Colin Coote, 81; Sir Ronald German, 69; Sir Frank Markham, 77; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock, 83; Sir Kenneth Stoby, 71; Captain Sir Orifley Wakeham, 87.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr David Eccles, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Oman.

Eton dinner

J. E. Lambart's old boys
dined at Boodle's on Thursday evening. Mr Lambart was present and Viscount Blakenham was in the chair. Mr Lambart was proposed by Mr Francis Pym, MP.

Defence of tradition in a throwaway society

By Bishop F. R. Barry
It is extremely unlikely that Henry Ford was truly a man of his time. He was a man of his time only in the sense that he was a man of his time.

Reception

The Accountant
A reception was held at Stationers' Hall yesterday evening to mark the 125th anniversary of the Accountant's Society.

Theatre party

HM Government
Mr Hugh Jenkins, Minister for the Regions, was host yesterday at a performance of 'Manon at the London Coliseum and after at the support of the Ministry of Defence.

OBITUARY

SIR FRANK WOOD
Former civil servant
A good Permanent Secretary, like a conductor of all orchestras, needs to know the score as well as inspire others.

GHANA. The High Commissioner for Ghana was also present.

GLC
The Chairman of the Greater London Council was host at a luncheon at County Hall yesterday in honour of Mr Geoffrey Howard, retiring Secretary of Surrey County Cricket Club.

Dimers

Guild of Freeman of the City of London
Mr J. Anthony Grant, MP, entertained members of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London and their ladies at dinner at the House of Commons last night.

Service dinners

The Black Watch Association
The annual dinner of the Black Watch Association (London Branch) was held at the Grosvenor Hotel last night.

Law Report October 18 1974

Regina v Socialist Worker
Printers & Publishers Ltd and Another, ex parte Attorney General
Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Denning and Mr Justice Ackner.

Prague searches

From Our Own Correspondent
The Czechoslovak trade union newspaper, disclosed today that communist agents have been appointed to carry out a house-to-house visitation in Prague to investigate whether the residents are politically reliable or have more rooms than they are entitled to, or are living on too lavish a scale.

RAF Education Branch

The Education Branch of the Royal Air Force held its annual dinner at Royal Air Force Halvington last night.

Increase in RAF aid

Expenditure by the RAF Benevolent Fund during the first six months of this year rose by £134,963 compared with £107,712 during the same period last year.

MR CLAUDE B. CROSS

Mr Claude B. Cross, who was chief counsel for Alger Hiss at the former American State Department official's second trial in February 1949, has died, aged 80.

Queen's Bench Division

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names of those two men but they shall instead be called Mr Y and Mr Z. His Lordship did not think that the order was expressed to go beyond the four walls of the court.

Science report

Medicine: Types of muscular dystrophy

Research into the severe degenerative disease of muscular dystrophy has run into troubled waters. The long-held belief that the disease is caused primarily by a defect in the muscles has been challenged by other workers, who believe that an abnormality of the nerves that control the muscle fibres may be blame.

Services tomorrow

- Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, HC, 8.30, 10.30, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30, 10.30, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30, 10.30.

Today's engagements

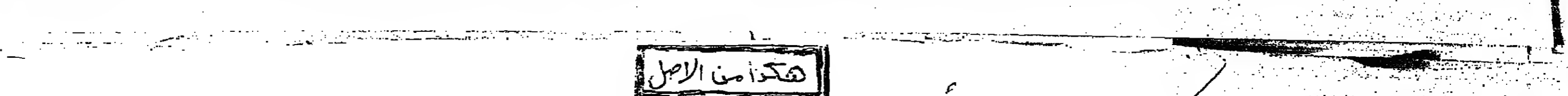
- Exhibition: Decade of glass craftsmanship, 1964-1974, work of Dominick Lahno, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London, 10-5.

Tomorrow

- English Sculpture, 1600-1850, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 2.30-6.

The management of La Banque des Reglements Internationaux very much regrets to announce the death of Monsieur Roger Auboin A former Director General of the B.R.I. which occurred on the 16th October, in his 84th year, in Paris Monsieur Auboin was Director General until his retirement in 1958, after more than 20 years of service.

Queen's Bench Division Contempt to publish names in defiance of judge's direction names of those two men but they shall instead be called Mr Y and Mr Z.



SPORT
Boxing
The case of a modern punch-drunk boxer

Neil Allen
The punch-drunk boxer is not only a spectre from the distant past... The evidence produced today... The case history of a young middleweight boxer whose ring career started in 1962 and whose symptoms of punch-drunk syndrome ofumatic encephalopathy, developed after 72 adult amateur bouts...

Golf
Miller careful not to be hindered by troublesome greens

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Venice, Oct 18
The weather related for the second round of the Italian Open Golf Championship here today... The greens are a source of trouble for the players... Miller remained at the head of the field...

Football
Arsenal can take heart from winter of 1947

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Next week Leeds United, Liverpool and Derby County take their first steps into European competition... Arsenal's manager, Don Revie, will be announcing his first party of players as England's national manager to face Czechoslovakia in the European Championship at Wembley on October 23...



Alan Ball being prepared for Arsenal's crucial match against Tottenham Hotspur today.

Not that tinkering with laws, long and well tried, often helps to improve any game... Arsenal's manager, Don Revie, will be announcing his first party of players as England's national manager to face Czechoslovakia in the European Championship at Wembley on October 23...

baseball
Line pitching the way to Oakland's win

By Sydney Friskin
A scene of mounting pressure in the clubhouse... Oakland's pitchers have been the key to their success...

Motor racing
Grand prix racing not on the point of collapse

By John Blunsden
The recently publicized suggestion that grand prix racing may be on the point of collapse as a result of declining interest... The sport is still very much alive...

Rugby Union
Wales bring in Brynmor Williams for Shell

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
When considering the rugby men available to them for Christmas, the Welsh rugby board today announced the signing of Brynmor Williams...

Wasp's face their first big challenge of season

Wasp's, whose recent revival has been hailed as a success... They face their first big challenge of the season when they meet Blackheath in the first round of the national knock-out competition at the Rectory Field today...

Ice hockey
National League: Boston Bruins lead

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins lead Philadelphia Flyers 1-0... The Bruins are leading the league...

Weekend fixtures
Kick-off 2.0 unless stated

Table listing football fixtures for the weekend, including First division, Second division, and Third division matches.

Rugby Union
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Table listing rugby union fixtures for the weekend, including Third division, Fourth division, and Scottish second division matches.

clubs at full strength while going is good

Sydney Friskin
In the deciding match last night... The club's performance was excellent... The players were at full strength...

Third division
Aldershot v Bury

Table listing Third division football fixtures.

Fourth division
Barnsley v Hartlepool (3.15)

Table listing Fourth division football fixtures.

Scottish first division
Arbroath v Partick

Table listing Scottish first division football fixtures.

Scottish second division
Albion v Forth

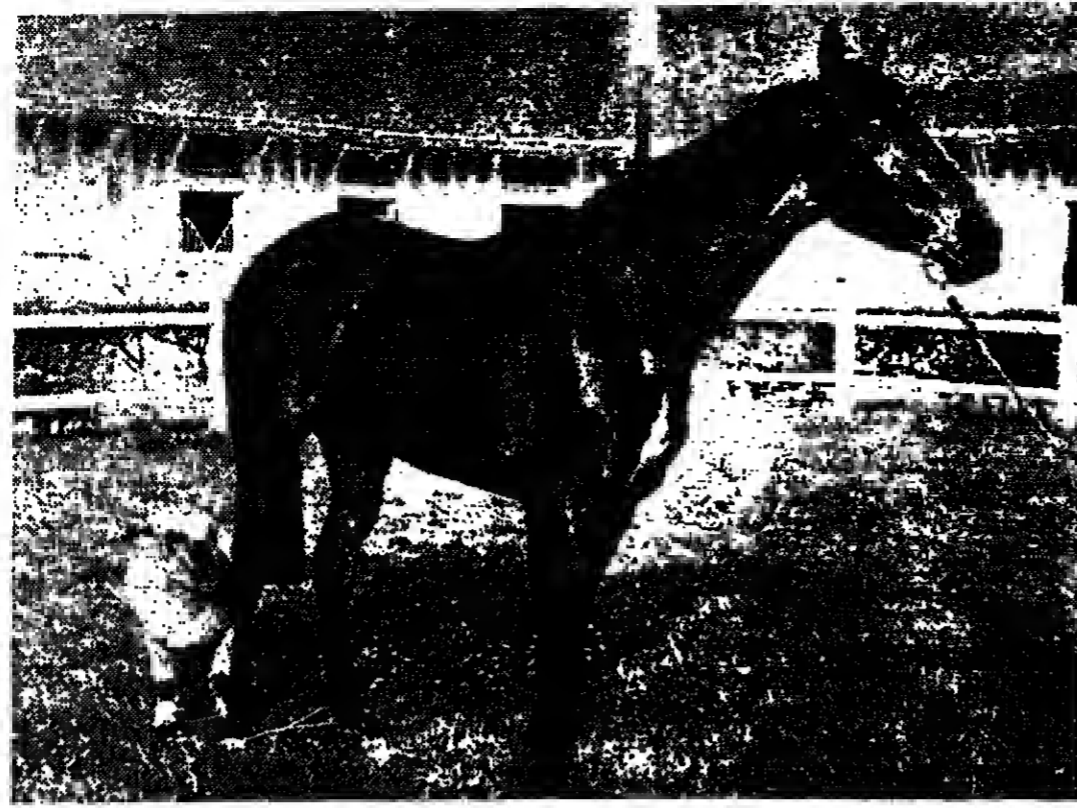
Table listing Scottish second division football fixtures.

Other sports news including tennis, golf, and horse racing.

SPORT

Racing
Injury and conditions cause Allez France to drop out of big race

By Michael Phillips
Allez France, unbeaten this year and hot favourite to win the Champeaux Stakes at Newmarket today following her great victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe only 13 days ago will not run after all. Her trainer, Angel Penna, who was the only telephone caller to her owner, Daniel Widenerstein, in Paris last night and advised him to take this decision for two reasons. First, Allez France suffered a superficial injury to a hind leg while she was being loaded on to the aircraft that brought her from France to Cambridge yesterday morning. Although this was no more than a slight cut and a graze it was enough in Penna's opinion to convince him not to risk one so precious.



Allez France and friend in Paris yesterday before leaving for their abortive visit to Newmarket.

France, finished last in the 2,000 Guineas on his only previous appearance in this country. He ran badly in his next two races but he recaptured the old sparkle when he won La Coupe de Maisou Lafurze in September. To narrow down the SKF Cesarewitch, I have drawn up a short-list comprising Flash Lipp, who won the race a year ago, Night Echo, Girardole, Seven the Quadrant, Japello, Ocean King and the favourite Night in Town. I am convinced that Lester Piggott will suit Girardole, who has always given me the impression that he needs a strong jockey on his back. But Girardole has a severe task for a three-year-old — his weight is 8 st 7 lb. No three-year-old has won this marathon carrying more than 8 st 3 lb this century.

A memory to brighten the winter

By Brough Scott
The popular belief that horses with flaxen manes and tails lack guts and toughness was kicked into the Newmarket mud yesterday when Carlo Vitadini's Grundy spreadlegged the field for the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes, finishing no less than six lengths clear of his nearest rival, the Middle Park winner, Steel Heart, with Baldur three lengths away third. The driving rain had darkened Grundy's almost palomino markings but his performance was one of which the memory should brighten the winter of all his connections. Breaking fast from the stalls he actually led for the first 50 yards. Then the free running, newly blistered Barfat came past and set a strong gallop undi weakened rapidly two furlongs out. Eddery had always kept Grundy second and now as he was drawing by Steel Heart and the French challenger, Piccolino, on his right and the one-faced Northern Hope, Baldur on his left, Eddery struck for home. For a few strides down the hill it looked as if the menace of Piggott and Steel Heart would stay with them but as the whip came desperately through into the maestro's left hand you could see that Steel Heart was beaten and Grundy wisely kept Grundy's long skimming stride stretched all the way to the line turned the defeat into a rout by the finish.

Saint-Martin returns

Yves Saint-Martin will be back in England again next week to ride Sea Break for Irish trainer Stuart Murless in the Observer Gold Cup, Sea Break, a son of Sea Bird, won his only race to date last month.

Fontwell Park doubt

Further heavy rain over the weekend could jeopardise racing at Fontwell Park on Monday. The rain was a heavy blow to the stewards who will be arranged for tomorrow. Racing at the Curragh today is doubtful following heavy rain yesterday. There is a stewards' inspection at 7 am.

Late success for unlucky trainer

Victor Mitchell, who started the year with bad luck when his whole string of 12 horses were knocked out by a virus, finally got off to a winning start yesterday when he won the Curragh Handicap with Bopper, at 25 to 1 shocked speculators who were holding on gamely by a short head from Buckfastleigh's late burst. Mitchell said: "I fancied my filly a bit today. She ran a good race at Wolverhampton last year. I made his horse a long time ago but he was again at Haydock this week. At last my horses appear to be coming good. It would happen just as the end of the season is round the corner." Eric Ansell will have to refine his racing here. He has done enough this season, however, and has earned a rest. He had a horse that won at Doncaster and that added Pottersville to win at Haydock Park on Thursday. He did not see Bell's Lad's success in this season at the popular sales looking around for new stock.

Newmarket programme

Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.0 and 3.0 races

- 1.45 FRED ARCHER HANDICAP (Apprentices; £1,335; 11m)
101 222213 Fee Mail (B) (C. Barber-Lomas), A. Goodwill, 5-9-74
102 403333 Orr Mancy (GN) (R. Broughy), C. Harwood, 5-9-74
103 1-01300 King Oedipus (C) St. George, B. Hills, 5-9-74
104 4-01320 Promote (B) (L. Lady Seavertree), I. Balding, Arundale, 5-2
105 1110400 Alaska Highway (B) (E. Penser), R. Jarvis, 5-2-74

2.00 CHAMPION STAKES (E36,106; 11m)

- 301 2101140 Averet (C) (C. M. Leman), C. Britton, 5-2-74
302 2110110 Maresfield (B) (J. K. Dunlop), 5-2-74
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3.0 S.K.F. CESAREWICH HANDICAP (£10,737; 23m)

- 304 2101140 Averet (C) (C. M. Leman), C. Britton, 5-2-74
305 2110110 Maresfield (B) (J. K. Dunlop), 5-2-74

Newmarket results

11.55am 2.0 (2.2) BOSCAWEN PLATE (2-y-o; £1,085; 1m)
Horseheads, ch. c. by Pall Mall, 1-1-74
Chob's Lass, f. by Chob's Lad, 1-1-74
Kingsway Girl, (Mr. J. Orrell), 1-1-74
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NEWBURY STAKES (2-y-o; £26,271; 7f)

Ground, ch. c. by Great Nephew, 2-2-74
Worms, f. by Grand, 2-2-74

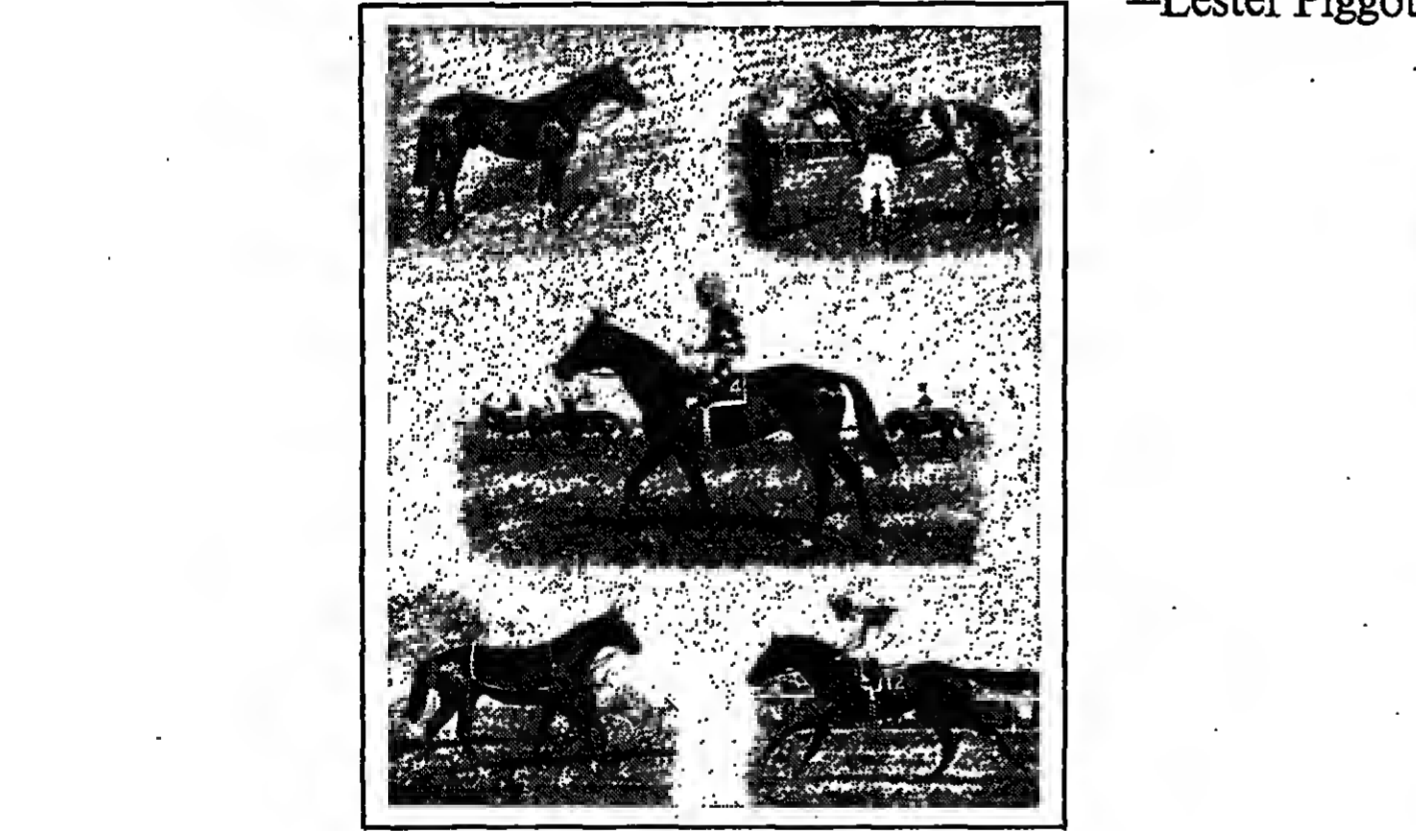
2.0 (2.2) TATTERSALL HANDICAP (E3,716; 11m)

7op b. f. by Asic, 7op of the field, 1-1-74
11st start forecast, 50p. P. Wilby, 2-2-74

4.5 (4.5) CHALLENGE STAKES (E3,777; 6f)

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"The Five Greatest I Ever Rode" —Lester Piggott



A limited edition of fine prints after the original oil by the American artist Richard Stone Reeves

Lester Piggott, after 20 years of riding Classic winners, has chosen an historic way to announce for the first time—"The Five Greatest I Ever Rode." And Richard Stone Reeves, the American artist who is regarded by most experts as the greatest painter of thoroughbreds in the world, has completed a remarkably important work for his first English racing print.

tragically, weeks later. The artist never completed his painting until now. "I kept all this preliminary sketches for 15 years", he says, "Lester believes she was the greatest filly he has ever seen, never mind ridden. But it was sad to paint Prince Aly's famous colours again." The print, made on the heaviest fine-art paper, is superb. Mr. Reeves signed and numbered each one—before Lester Piggott personally added his signature.

SIR IVOR, the rich bay winner of the 1968 Guineas, Derby, and Washington International, stands in the centre—"The bravest horse I've ever ridden, with the fastest acceleration of them all."

CREPELLO, who won the windswept 1957 Derby with the mighty Ballmoss toiling behind him, stands regally in his stall—"A wonderful racehorse. I never had to ask him for anything. He just won by himself."

NIJINSKY, the 1970 Triple Crown winner, is painted walking in the early morning mist in Tipperary—"At his peak Nijinsky was terrific, and he will rightly be remembered as a very great racehorse."

PETITE ETIOLE waits impatiently while being unsaddled. Mr Reeves was originally commissioned to paint the flying grey filly by her owner, Prince Aly Khan, who died

THE PRINT GALLERY, Old Surrenden Manor, Betherden, Kent. Telephone: Betherden 544. Please enter my subscription immediately for "Lester Piggott's Five Greatest" by Richard Stone Reeves. (Overall size: 29 x 23 inches, in perfect colour.) I enclose my cheque for £97.20 (Shipping handling included in U.K.)

Catterick Bridge programme

Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.35 races

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Stock Exchange Prices

A good day for equities

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Oct 14. Dealings End Oct 25. Contango Day, Oct 28. Settlement Day, Nov 5. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

The new Leicester Building Society more than 100 branches throughout the UK. Telephone numbers and addresses are in the Yellow Pages.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY Alone ye go

Main table of stock exchange prices with columns for company names, prices, and various market indicators. Includes sections for British Stocks, Commonwealth and Foreign, Local Authorities, Foreign Stocks, Dollar Stocks, Banks and Discounts, Breweries and Distilleries, Commercial and Industrial, Insurance, Investment Trusts, Property, Rubber, Tea, and Miscellaneous.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS



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Industry's financial deficit... £1,750m in a first half of this year

London industry's financial deteriorated dramatically in the first half of 1974...

case that the corporate sector's cash position has been seriously eroded this year...

half. However, there was some reduction between the first and second quarters...



Mrs Williams: expected to announce changes to Price Code on Budget day, November 12.

CBI repeats call to end price control

By David Young. Representatives of the Confederation of British Industry repeated its belief that a total abolition of price control would add only one and a half to two per cent to the retail price index...

Aviation review promised instead of British Caledonian takeover

By Edward Townsend. Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, stung trade unions and left wingers last night by informing union leaders that the Government would not nationalize British Caledonian...

cial judgment, thus transferring British Caledonian losses to British Airways...

loss of healthy competition in the airline business...

West US bank prime rates for five months

United States Correspondent on Oct 18. National City Bank cut lending rate to 11 1/2 per cent today...

market operations—which are now holding at 10 per cent and slightly lower...

IBM denies takeover bid by Arabs

From Frank Vogl, Washington, Oct 18. Mr Frank Cary, chairman of International Business Machines Corporation, stated today: "There is no truth to a report that an Arab consortium is trying to buy the company..."

Rival move may cost Dan-Air £2m

By Patricia Tisdall. Dan-Air Services, the airline subsidiary of Davies & Newman Holdings, stands to lose approximately £2m worth of business next year as a result of British Caledonian's decision to restrict the European inclusive tour market...

which includes coach holidays and charter holidays as well as inclusive tours made a profit of £100,000 on a turnover of £6m in the year ending September 30...

a final stage of negotiations with other tour operators...

Deal with Saudi Arabia for 800m tons of oil

Charles Hargrove. The price might be between 350 and 400 francs (about £36) a ton...

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Full Healey support likely for EEC loan proposal

From Roger Berthoud, Brussels, Oct 18. Mr Denis Healey will give full support to plans for a European Community loan for member countries with balance of payments problems...

Conoco and state industries study ethylene project

By Roger Vialvoe, Energy Correspondent. Continental Oil (Conoco) and two nationalized industries, the National Coal Board and the British Steel Corporation, are to investigate the feasibility of building a 400 million to 500 million ton a year ethylene plant on Teesside...

Talks on purchase of Welfare Insurance

By John Plender. London and Manchester Assurance, one of the larger quoted proprietary life assurance groups, emerged yesterday as a potential buyer of Welfare Assurance...

Share markets have another cheerful day

London stock markets had a good session yesterday. Government bonds were firmer after fresh falls in United States prime rates, and equities responding to the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer with another round of gains...

Mr Toby Jessel, MP

In our issue of October 16 it was suggested that the presence of Mr Toby Jessel on the board of Jessel Securities was regarded by critics as an instance of nepotism...

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Dowgate writes off £5.2m loan to Selmes company

There was grim news yesterday for shareholders in Dowgate & General, the investment trust where Mr Christopher Selmes, the controversial financier, is a director and sizable shareholder...

American bid hint puts 19p on Gallaher shares

Shares in Gallaher, one of the United Kingdom major tobacco groups, leapt from 103p to 123p yesterday on news that discussions were in progress that might lead to an offer for the company by American Brands, its United States parent...

Decision next week on Brown Boveri

Adjourning sine die yesterday's meeting called to approve the Brown Boveri proposals for George Kent, Mr John Vaughan, the Kent chairman, said the talks had continued between the company and the Department of Industry and "I can assure you that the Government has not yet made up its mind..."

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

The situation at Jessel Securities has brought to a head once more the fears that a unit trust group belonging to a financial conglomerate might use its investment management powers to buy for the unit trusts shares in associated companies in order to shore up the share price.

of over 5 per cent of such price by gross profits or losses on investments purchased and sold during the period and where such investments do not appear in the current or previous list of investments, then the names of such investments shall be shown in the report."

Oxygen crisis in the City

The following is the text of Communiqué No 2 issued yesterday from Junta C. Whitball: From: General Sir Herbert Herbert, GOC Xth Financial Division



"Financial personnel are therefore instructed to conserve oxygen..."

her of plant subvertives have actually gone so far as to commit suicide in furtherance of their aims, in order to release poisonous methane gas in the process of decay that automatically follows.

Income bonds

LIGI bond-holders' uncertain outlook

There are some 500,000 holders of guaranteed income and growth bonds in the country, all in need of reassurance after the news this week that London Indemnity and General Insurance, one of the biggest companies in this field, is at the moment unable to meet its commitments to policyholders without outside assistance.

Assuming that the rescue operation were to succeed along these lines—the earliest that any form of preliminary announcement can be expected is late next week—it would probably be possible to bail out any other company in similar difficulties on the same principle.



Oliver Jessel, chairman of Jessel Securities.

One cannot ignore, however, the fact that sections of the conventional insurance industry are opposed to rescuing LIGI for precisely this reason, that it could be seen as an open invitation for any suspect company to rely on the good will of sounder companies to underwrite any of management excesses.

in respect of assets and the promises to policyholders. If a rescue operation is successful, then there should be no problems for the policyholders. Although technically, whole-of-life policy which does not mature until death, the satisfactory status of this money part of the life fund should make no difference to policyholders cushioning in their linked policies as and when they wish.

Investment trust valuations

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Application form for Julian Gibbs Home Pension Planning Ltd, including fields for Name, Address, Telephone, and Estimated House Value.

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Advertisement for Lawson High Yield Fund, featuring a large '16.1% PA' graphic and text about investment returns and application details.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Hawker Siddeley tops £21m in 12 pc interim rise

Against market expectations the Hawker Siddeley aerospace and engineering group has pushed its interim pre-tax profits ahead from £19.6m to £21.6m...

Geo Sandeman up 42 pc on lower turnover

Although not matching last year's 82 per cent profit of Geo G. Sandeman, the port, sherry and brandy shippers, advanced 41 per cent to £1.41m...

Shortages hold Mettoy in check

While the results of Mettoy, the "Corgi" toy makers, for the 36-week period to September 7 shows good gains in sales and profits, the board say they fall short of budget...

Dollond purchase in Milan

Dollond International, a subsidiary of Gallaher, has acquired the whole of the share capital of Istituto Orico Vignano, SpA, operators based in Milan...

Grand Central- Highland

Just over a month ago Kuril Plantations, an unquoted Malaysian company, closed its offer for Grand Central Investment Holdings having gained about 85 per cent of the GCI equity...

Glendevon Trust goes liquid

Glendevon Investment Trust, a Murray Jobstone company which was made public in 1971, makes known that it has made a further reduction in equity...

Goodman & Stockman

A "very difficult" second half, in which higher material prices and rising labour costs meant no benefit was gained from spring orders...

Lane passes interim

Percy Lane Group, the Staffordshire-based makers of glazed window assemblies, are having a lean time...

Meru passes interim

Meru Pearl, chairman, says first-quarter supports view that current year will see further growth and improvement of group's affairs...

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Fillip from overseas sector to Austin Reed

A satisfactory outcome to the year is seen at Austin Reed Group, given that the profitable growth of the company's retail business abroad continues, and Christmas at home is not too difficult...

Brokers to merge

In another stockbroking merger, the partnership of Spence Veitch will be dissolved on November 22 and merged with that of Montagu, Loeb, Stanley three days later...

Coronation boosts earnings

Lomb's Coronation Syndicate saw its net profits for the year to September 30 rise from £5.46m to £6.49m...

Sidney C. Banks

Although turnover of the Sidney C. Banks group of grain merchants which came to the market in December 1973, has jumped from £8.5m to £17.5m, taxable profits for 1973-74 are ahead only slightly from £288,500 to £398,000...

Eaton Corporation

Nine months net income \$69.9m (\$65.6m), or \$4.05 (\$3.69) a share.

Wire & Plastic Products

Turnover in half year, £400,000 (£330,000); pre-tax profit, £37,000 (£56,800); interim dividend 1.97p (1.25p)...

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Stock markets Leading shares strong

The first week of the equity market trading account ended well yesterday, with industrial shares rising steadily on the expectation of some moves towards reflation on Budget Day...

Market indices recorded further gains—the FT index closing 6.7 up at 210.3 and the Times index 1.93 higher at 80.83. But the one flaw in the day's trading was the low level of turnover...

On the financial pitches, shares in E. Bates rose by 9p to 29p on the announcement that London & Manchester Assurance may buy Wellfare Insurance...

An active stock was Gallaher, which touched 105p on strong speculative buying, but fell back to 99p at the official close on the lack of a statement from American Brands...

Cautious but persistent buying of oil shares left BP 5p higher at 276p and Burcham 4p higher at 174p. Gold shares on the other hand were overlooked yesterday...

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Date, Total, Prev. Year. Includes companies like Sidney Banks, Arthur Bell, Bishopscote, Wm Boulton, Clayton, Goodman Bros, Ewbank Stanley, Mettoy, N Industrial, Austin Reed, Geo G. Sandeman, and Epton.

Fraser Ansbacher sells stake in wine shipper

Fraser Ansbacher has sold its 88.5 per cent stake in Cotrali Ltd, wine shipping and forwarding agents, to the National Freight Corporation...

G R Dawes defers re-listing

In making known the results of G. R. Dawes Holdings, formerly Merrill Group, for 1973-74 and the favourable outcome for the first half of 1974-75, the board says it has again decided to defer an application for re-admission to the Stock Exchange Official List...

Is your portfolio worth more now than in July 1970?

Since the Brown Shipley Unit Fund was launched in July 1970, the income units have risen by 7% compared with a fall in the F.T. All-Share Index of 39% for the same period (to 7 October 1974).

Brown Shipley Unit Fund

Investors in the Fund benefit from the advice of Brown, Shipley & Co. Limited, Merchant Bankers. For details of the Brown Shipley Unit Fund, apply to: Founders Court Management Services Limited, Founders Court, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HE, Telephone: 01-606 9833

Editor's Week Rally • Stock profits

Budget rally duly made peace in the equity market last week, even if gilt yields much less convinced that no longer meant led twist to the inflationary...

recovery survived some portable news from Lamps and, nearer from Hawker Siddeley, ton Bros and British man. All the indications at equities have dis-

It is not entirely surprising, then, that the Confederation of British Industry has been concentrating much of its fire on tax concessions in recent weeks. However, since the crisis is expected to come to a head at the start of the tax-gathering season in January, the scope for manoeuvre is limited.

Interest relief on a see-saw

Instant changes in the tax relief on interest by individuals is an old example of the way the tax system is altered for party political reasons.

existence on that date and I will deal with these in a later article. For the interest to be eligible for relief a number of conditions are laid down. The money must be borrowed to purchase or improve (1) a building which is the borrower's only or main residence.

A caravan is included provided it has an overall length exceeding 22ft (excluding the draw-bar) and an overall width exceeding 7ft 6in, or alternatively the caravan, taken with the land on which it stands, is a ratable hereditament.

When this is to become law it is as yet unknown. Vera Di Palma

Trust performance

Table with columns: Trust Name, Change since Dec 31, 1973, Change over three years to Oct 17, 1974. Includes trusts like British, Capital, National Century, etc.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Further rise in sugar futures

Although the London daily SUGAR price was unchanged at £400 a long ton, futures scored further gains. They opened at the limit up levels established on Thursday afternoon and very little selling came into the pools, which by the end of the morning session totalled 706 lots.

In the afternoon futures were immediately in the limit up limits in most positions on a carry-over of buying which had accumulated in the morning's pools. However, the higher levels soon attracted profit-taking and trading operations in the nearer contracts were pushed back away to a scale down basis. Jobbing and arbitrage activity caused irregular price movements at times. At the close prices were £3.50 to 5¢ higher.

The market was firm, Dec. 1974-75 (Nov. 1974) £3.50-50; Jan. 1975 (Oct. 1974) £3.50-50; Feb. 1975 (Nov. 1974) £3.50-50; Mar. 1975 (Dec. 1974) £3.50-50; Apr. 1975 (Jan. 1975) £3.50-50; May 1975 (Feb. 1975) £3.50-50; Jun. 1975 (Mar. 1975) £3.50-50; Jul. 1975 (Apr. 1975) £3.50-50; Aug. 1975 (May 1975) £3.50-50; Sep. 1975 (Jun. 1975) £3.50-50; Oct. 1975 (Jul. 1975) £3.50-50; Nov. 1975 (Aug. 1975) £3.50-50; Dec. 1975 (Sep. 1975) £3.50-50.

The Times Share Indices

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Another unexpected Treasury swing against the discount market made life for the discount houses rather more difficult than anticipated yesterday. The Bank of England was virtually required to buy the market on a large scale, buying Treasury bills and corporate bills, directly from the houses.

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Wall Street

New York, Oct. 19.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange posted a small gain today as the bank prime rate continued to decline.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 3.44 points to 654.88. About twice as many issues advanced as declined. Volume totalled 16,460,000 shares.

Silver 20¢ limit up

New York, Oct. 18.—SILVER moved to the upper end of the 20-cent trading range, closing at 20.00 on 10,000 contracts. The price was up 20¢ from 19.80 on Oct. 17.

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Japanese denial of bonds change

The Japanese Finance Ministry has denied a local report in Tokyo that it would soon allow Japanese companies to issue external bonds to convert the foreign currency funds.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns for Bond Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield. Lists various Eurobond issues from different countries.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing various authorized units, insurance policies, and offshore funds with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

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